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## Widow fights for baby by dead husband

YOUNG widow is right to conceive a baby using sperm taken from her dead husband, in the first case of its kind in Britain. Her attempt to bear the child her husband wanted is being blocked by the Human Pertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), which insists that the law requires his consent in writing. The sperm was taken from the 30-year-old man while he was in a

tained a court order guaran- Mrs B, who is now aged 20, argued over her right to be teeing anonymity, will take doctors at Hallamshire Hospiher legal action to the High tal in Sheffield agreed to take Mrs B wants to be treated to take the court in London or Wednesday and the court in the co Court in London on Wednes

day. Identified only by her ini-tials, DB, she has had to take out a second mortgage on her house to finance the case, which could cost her more

than £80,000 if she loses.
The couple, from the Midlands, married in 1991 after a nine-year relationship. They started trying for a baby in January 1995 but two months later Mr B, a manager with a home improvement firm, contracted bacterial meningitis. He went into a coma and was coma on a life support ma-chine. His widow, who has ob-days later. At the request of

samples of sperm from her husband before switching off the life support machine. He was clinically dead when the second sample was taken. Several months before, she

says, she and her husband nad read a magazine article about a widow impregnated by her dead husband's sperm. We agreed that if we were ever in that situation, that's what we'd like to do," she told the Guardian.

The preserved sperm sam-ples have lain in storage for the last 18 months at Jessop's Hospital, Sheffield, while the

The HFEA maintains that it would be unlawful to use them in Britain without written consent, and will not ex-port them abroad for a pur-pose for which they could not

he used here. Mrs B, who runs a small business, has already run up more than \$50,000 in legal bills with a City of London solicitors' firm before switching

Mrs B wants to be treated in Britain, or failing that, to have the samples exported to a clinic abroad. Doctors in Belgium and the US have Belgium and the US have out the have counted. But not the

The case is expected to be heard by Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court's Family Division and Eng-land's senior family judge. Lord Lester, Mrs B's QC, will argue that the requirement for consent applies only where sperm comes from a third party, not from the woman's husband. Under the Human Fertilisa-

"Had I been pregnant when I tion and Embryology Act, I could be dead as long as he'd I the Human Fertilisation and my husband died and I'd 1990, which regulates artification and round to everybody I cial insemination, written would be better for a child to act specifically requires con consent is not needed where a couple are treated "together". Lord Lester will contend that this includes cases where a husband's sperm is used after

his death to inseminate his He will also argue that the authority has erred in law in adopting an inflexible policy on exporting sperm, and that under European law it may not restrict access to medical treatment in other EC mem-

Mrs B said: "What is totally bizarre is that I could have treatment with the sperm of

know that its father loved its mother, it was wanted, it was

Before the 1990 act, there was nothing to stop a woman in Mrs B's situation from being inseminated with her dead husband's sperm. Her solicitor, Richard Stein, a partner in the law firm Leigh Day & Co, who recently took over the case, said no problem would have arisen if she had been inseminated while her husband was still on life

Ruth Deech, chairman of the HFEA, said: "The matter of consent is fundamental to

Embryology Act, 1990. This act specifically requires con-sent of a man to storage and use of his gametes, i.e. his sperm, after his death.

"Written consent can only be obtained after the donor has had an opportunity to receive proper counselling, including consideration of the welfare of any child that

might be born."
She said that directions made under the act banning export of sperm unless it could lawfully be used in Britprinciple of written consent is not evaded by the export of

### Blair wheels and deals to get pensions compromise

ONY Blair was last night still a whisker away from securing a trouble-free Blackpool trouble-free Blackpool in stitching up their plans conference after a trantic day for a triumphal week, the orists over his compromise pro-

posals on pensions.

As Mr Blair put the finishing touches to his vision for "The Decent Society", party strategists admitted the conference could still end up facing both ways thanks to union commitments on employment rights and pensions. The compromise scheme, agreed by Labour's raling national executive nittee (NEC), would create a standing commission to consider pension issues, with

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**Lady Castle** yesterday

pensioners groups represented, but only after Mr Blair has safely been elected. It won the backing of big unions and of 83-year-old Jack Jones, ex-leader of the transport workers, now president of the National Pensioners

But the frail figure of Bar-oness Barbara Castle, now 85, still stood between the Blair forces and victory. She said of the leadership: "I think they are running scared because there has been so much support for our very reasonable statement about what the

Last night she was resisting the blandishments of Gordon Brown who will make his own conference speech today tion in language that may stiffen the rebels determination. "No quick fixes, no easy options, no voodoo economics," the shadow chancellor

of wheeler-dealing failed to ganisers need two portman-secure the certain support of teau motions, due to be de-key unions and party activ- bated on Wednesday, remitted without a vote. That can only happen if two Lon-don constituency parties, Southall and Poplar & Can-

ning Town, agree.

If they refuse, such large voting blocs as the Transport & General Workers Union (T&GWU) and the GMB general union — whose delega-tions meet to discuss their position today - will first vote for the standing commission

and then back the two mo-tions supporting Lady Castle. Mr Brown's controversial plan to re-target child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds would also be hit in the crossfire. In a separate battle, there is also the prospect that different unions will publicly put different interpretations on a fudged formula that speaks of restoring unfair dismissal rights for workers the mo-

ment they start in a job, rather than after two years.
Since Mr Blair's team is stressing the need to win power on the basis of restored trust with the electorate, this may create mild embarrass-ment. Mr Brown said yesterday that Labour should "says what it is going to do and means what it says".

Yesterday all the key fig-ures were singing from the same hymn sheet with Mr Prescott echoing Mr Brown in stressing the need for wealth creation as part of New Labour's drive to put tradi-tional values — "fairness, jus-tice and partnership" — into

a modern setting. They all sidestepped details of tax changes under a Blair government. On BBC1's Breakfast with Frost yester-day Mr Brown insisted: "The idea that Labour wants to tax people out of envy and malice, that we want to punish them, is completely unique."

There would be no "puni-

tive taxation", he added. But in today's speech he will warn the privatised utilties that he ramains determined to take their excess profits in windfall tax to finance plans for jobs for young and the long-

term unemployed.



Tony Blair and Cherie Booth at Blackpool's North Shore Methodist church yesterday. Mr Blair will preach to a less united congregation this week

### Clinton calls crisis summit

Jonathan Freedland in Washington and Derek Brown in Jeru

RESIDENT Clinton put his personal prestige on the line yes terday, summoning Israeli prime minister Binya-min Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat to a White House summit aimed at reviving the Middle East peace pro-cess. The meeting could take place as early as tomorrow.

Mr Netanyahu accepted im-mediately but Mr Arafat was insisting that the Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, should also attend and planned to fly to Cairo today to persuade him to do so, ac cording to a Palestine Liberation Organisation official. King Hussein of Jordan will

As Israeli and Palestinian security measures helped avoid a repeat of last week's widespread clashes, a sternfaced Mr Clinton announced his summit initiative from the Rose Garden. "I will do everything in my power to



Bill Clinton: 'We must move the peace process forward'

end the violence," he said. "It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to protect the peace process and help move it forward." United States officials sig-

nalled that the meeting would last no more than two days. "This is a crisis situation the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, said, describing the current trouble as the

worst in the three years since the historic handshake between Mr Arafat and the former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin on the White Television diplomacy yes-terday offered little ground

for optimism. Appearing on US political talk-shows, Mr Netanyahu refused to close the 2,200-year-old tunnel near Jerusalem's Temple Mount that sparked the latest violence. "It's open and it will stay open," he said, dismiss-ing the issue as an excuse for

Palestinian riots. Mr Netanyahu did not even liners in his rightwing Likud party for Israel to disarm the 30,000 members of the Pales-tinian police as punishment

for shooting Israeli soldiers. Mr Netanyahu insisted that before Israel will consider redeploying its occupation forces in the West Bank flash-point town of Hebron, it will insist on "modifications" to the withdrawal plan agreed Turn to page 2, column 3

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#### Fife five are four but still they play a round

John Mullin

THERE were five of them at Kinghorn Golf Club in Fife, pensioners who played together regularly for years. Five, that was, until one

dropped dead.
Jimmy Hogg was 77 and first to play. He had just fired his customary fine shot from the first tee when he suffered a heart attack and collapsed. His playing partners,

dubbed the Grumpy Old Men by fellow members, faced a di-lemma. Abandon the round. or continue. It was no contest No sooner was Mr Hogg in the ambulance than the foursome began their round.

Jack Ketchin, aged 75, told the Sunday Mail: "It might seem terrible, but we are all of a certain age, and I'm sure Jimmy would have wanted us to do that. He would have done the same."

Johnny Lea. 77. said:

"Jimmy hit a great shot right down the middle of the fairway. He was a great golfer. "Maybe with hindsight, it was a bit heartless. But it was a spur of the moment decision." Jimmy's daughter, Anne, bore them no ill-will. way he died," she said, "he wouldn't have wanted it any

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New Labour's: corporatist blueprint faces twin perils of disbelief and disillusionmentin election battle.

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# Paint job in cause of new world disorder

The raver radicals are all in place, the walls are thick with graffiti, solidarity is in the air, the drums are beating . . . but does anyone know where the dockers are?



John Vidal

HE old Liverpool Customs House is a two-storey 1960s ar-chitectural aberration. It slumps
empty behind fortified walls
in sight of silent docks and
redundant cranes. But yesterday afternoon it was pulsating
to a dozen samba drame and to a dozen samba drums and talk of a radical new align-ment in British politics.

University lecturer (excitedly waving veggieburger): "This is the first time we've got opposite ends of the spectrum of anti-capitalist activism together.

PhD student: "Blair and the political parties are irrelevant here. We are not working from a polarised angle."
Union activist (waving

radicalism in the land. I've never seen anything like this ..." This is the Morning After

the Party party meeting in

Liverpool.
Three hundred unofficial delegates have squatted the government building, and after a full day's marching with gaudy banner, drum and pantomime dragon beside Liverpool dockers who have been on strike a year, they are now saking up. Ravers, environmentalists,

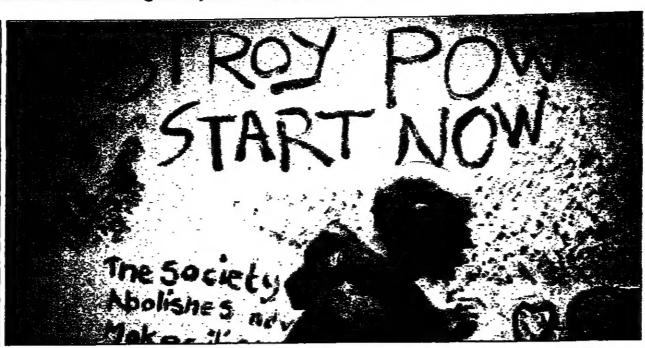
anti-car groups, animal right-ists, pro-Justice, land-for-all make up a coalition of young radicals calling themselves

Reclaim the Future.
They blink, and, like the boy in the Yellow Pages ad. look at the devastation around them.
The Customs House may
have needed paint, but this is

absurd. Every wall is covered in graffiti ranging from (mild) Phillip Larkin to (rude) Animal Lib. Every door, every window is covered in slogans. For half the activists the

of the trashing of "Babylon" and the consumer society. Others, though, theorise that if an enemy citadel has been taken, it should be looked And so, as one faction adds

more graffiti, others are painting it out in a politically beige arrangement of sponge-daubed conceptual patterns



One element in the graffiti artists' message from the Liverpool docks

wouldn't want the dockers or anyone else arriving here and saying: If this is the future, count me out." Dave (radical graffiti art-

ist): "There's a man in prison for his graffiti! It's expression. Shannon (painting feverishly over sexist, racist and other offending words): "But I don't like it!" Bill (older, wiser): "I'm get-

different sort of struggle." Out in the corridors, there is an air of a political freshers' fair. The Ploughshares group

with a little specialist help by Reciaim the Streets is giving a workshop but the dockers wives have not ap-By 4.50pm, the samba drum-mers are in full thump, a rain-bow Eag hangs over the Cus-

them. In their absence small groups gather to discuss the dockers which should end

guesis. The activists are not too concerned by what others might interpret as a brush-off by horny-handed elders. They call a meeting to dis-cuss why they are in Liver-

pool, risking prison and harassment for others. The reasons given veer from the emotional ("We be-lieve in the dockers", "We

think they are different", "We need their example") through the esoteric ("Every dance is a protest") to the political ("Because Blair and Labour will not even admit that we exist. that's why.") The perspective is young and idealistic: "I came to get a

clearer idea of the dockers' struggle, and what I've learned is that you can come together but you need the right sociological context.
This way you can break down all the labelling of people. We don't fee! that we are tied to any organisation here. This is a roll-on, roll-off protest," says

Down below, a graffiti artist is scrawling "Destroy Powa." It's for dyslexics, he explains. He says the dockers know what real militancy is. "Some are crap, some are all right,

just like everyone." So far, though, the alliance between young eco-radical and older docker is uneasy. But the potential for together-

Banker paid £½m

in cash for home

The trusts, which were sus-pended briefly while Morgan quantified a series of unsuit-

ble investments in small

high-risk companies, had at-tracted some £1.4 billion from

90,000 investors across the UK

and Europe. Morgan's parent, Deutsche Bank, had to pump

more than £180 million into

the trusts and has promised

believe loan came

from Luxembourg

holding company

Investigators believe the

house was purchased earlier

of a series of "holding compa-nies" set up by Mr Young. These companies, which were

registered in Luxembourg,

were allegedly used by Mr Young to disguise the high-risk nature of his investment

strategies.
Investors' money was being irected into small high-risk

to compensate investors.

Investigators

larities in three unit invest-ment trusts run by Mr Young. The trusts, which were sus-ment firms, which had yet to

this year with a loan from one ors - Keith Percy, head of

oms House, and it is clear that

the dockers, for all their inten-tions, will not be meeting their

QUESTION mark over how Peter

Young, the disgraced

City fund manager at the centre of a scandal over the alleged misuse of invest-

£450,000 in cash for his family's five-bedroom home in Amersham. Buckingham-

shire, has sparked a formal police investigation into Mr

Young's affairs.

The rouse was raided by officials from the Serious

Fraud Office and the City of

London Police on Friday night. Mr Young, who was dismissed by his employers.

German-owned investment

bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, a formight ago for gross misconduct, was present dur-

ing the raid. So were his wife,

the house removing docu-ments, but no arrests were

Over the past month, Mor-

gan Grenfell and Imro, a City

watchdog responsible for reg-

ulating the investment man-agement industry, have been

investigating possible irregu-

Police spent three hours at

Harmanna, and two sons.

Paul Murphy

us to liven up their doll marching. We need them to broaden our own struggle.

We've got a lot in common really," says Jim, last seen at For a start, no dockers have urned up at the Customs House and there is grambling that no one is getting the chance to exchange views.

The cry goes up "Where are the dockers?" One man says he went to the Flying Picket pub but only found New Labourites. "I got quite a lot of support, but there were no

dockers there."

The unions, it is agreed by the under 30s, are ossified, the political parties deaf to their concerns. "People desperately want a clear vision and a coming together of groups. But there is a real danger that we will just be seen as disillu-

one university student. "I think this is one of the first times that young people have shown any public con-cern for workers' causes," says a dockers' support cam-paigner from London. "The trade union method of struggle clearly hazn't worked. Who knows where this will go?"

Yes, he agrees, it is very odd that people who do not want jobs should be trying to help others to get theirs back. "It's a melting pot here, isn't it?"

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Investigators have been try-

ing to unravel a series of transactions, which also ex-

tended to a personal bank ac-

in Jersey, the offshore finani-

Mr Young was not available for comment yesterday, but since the scandal broke a month ago he has cousis-tently denied he sought any

personal gain from his invest-

ment strategy and that his superiors approved his dealings.

Morgan Grenfell is ex-

pected to wrap up its internal investigation into the three unit trusts within the next

Four of Mr Young's superi-

the investment bank's asse

ance director for fund management; Graham Kane, head of Morgan's unit trust busi-

ness; and Glynn Owen, chief investment officer for Europe

are believed to be fighting

management

for their jobs.

cal centre.

AND A TOOLS

Maria - Programme

### NHS tops list of private health care providers

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

HE National Health Service has become the leading provider of private health care because of the rapid growth of paybeds in trust hospitals, figures show today.

Paybeds last year grabbed almost a sixth of the market for private acute care, over-taking the two top indepen-dent operators and helping trigger the first fall in num-bers of private hospital bed

numbers in a decade. The development will cause unease across the political spectrum. Critics on the left will see it as further evidence of NHS privatisation; those on the right will claim the Government's health market numbers have fallen from system has undermined the 11,377 in 223 units in 1995 to

trusts to compete unfairly.
On present trends, the NHS will consolidate its paradoxical position as leading private provider and will force the closure of independent bospitals unable to compete, according to the authoritative Fitzhugh Directory of Independent Healthcare and Long-

term Care. "Casualties look inevitable and some would suggest it is not before time if these are out-dated hospitals providing a limited range of medical facilities," says the directory's editor, William Fitzhugh. "There is no doubt that the

industry has in the past sustained hospitals which few industry executives would wish to use personally.

There are no accurate figures for the number of NHS paybeds, as the Department of Health stopped collecting data in 1991 when the market system started. Almost three-

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Private health providers

NHS Bups GHG (BMI) Nutfield

quarters of trusts report primain growth is attributed to an estimated 74 trusts with

separate private patient units. More than 50 trusts last year each made more than £1 million from private patients. with seven — all in London — making more than 25 million. The Fitzhugh Directory

says NHS private patient in-come has risen from £94 million in 1990, when it was 10.9 per cent of the market, to £225 million last year, when it was 16.5 per cent.
Since 1994, the NHS has overhauled Bupa Hospitals

and General Healthcare Group (formerly B&II Healthcare), although the latter has also fallen back because it sold three London hospitals.

Total private hospital bed private sector by allowing 11,098 in 221 this year, accord-

ing to the directory.

Forecasting a possible 20 per cent market share for the NHS by the end of the decade. Mr Fitzhugh says: "The forces to preserve and extend NHS private sector activity are now too powerful to be eliminated." Private hospital operators

are already alarmed at the prospect, disclosed this month, of a tie-up between the NHS Trust Federation and the Norwich Union, the private health insurer. Barry Hassell, chief executive of the Independent Healthcare Association, last night called on the Tories and Labour to make clear where they stood on trusts' freedom to pursue private patient income

"Trusts are taking unac ceptable risks with taxpayers money. The Government should enforce Treasury rules on their commercial ac tivities," Mr Hassell said.

Peter Young outside his home in Amersham

PHOTOGRAPH: BRIAN HATTON

### Clinton calls summit

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Mr Arafat will argue that Israel's go-slow tactics have failed, and that talks should resume on the original peace-He will also press for the closure of the tourist tunnel

in Jerusalem, which for Arabs has become a potent symbol of Zionist expansion. The violence which claimed 70 lives last week tapered away over the weekend. There was a brief riot at the site of the new tunnel entrance in the Old City yester-day, when it reopened for a trickle of tourists heavily outnumbered by armed police. In the territories controlled by Mr Arafat, PLO forces quickly quelled any protests which threatened to turn into

troops.
All the Palestinian self-rule enclaves in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been sealed by Israeli troops. Dozens of tanks have been moved into position around the autonomous areas.

Israeli military sources confirmed that the army had carried out the first two phases of a three-part plan, codenamed Field of Thorns, to contain any Palestinian up-rising in the self-rule areas. The third part of the plan, to invade and reoccupy the au-tonomous areas, has not been activated, they said. Mr Arafat, in an interview

with the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronoth, rejected Mr Netan-yahu's charges that he delib-erately fomented last week's violence. "Members of our

confrontations with Israeli | police force did not receive a ingle order from any officer to open fire against Israelis. When policemen fired, it was only when they felt themselves to be under danger,

and saw a need to defend themselves," he said. Asked if he had used the tunnel dispute as an excuse to grab a political advantage by causing trouble on the streets, he said: "If you [Israe-lis] knew that we were waiting for an opportunity, why did you supply one? We were simply stunned when we heard about the opening of the tunnel.

A United Nations Security Council resolution over the weekend indirectly called on Israel to close the tunnel while stopping short of outright condemnation. The US abstained.

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### Same tour, but different country roads for two American songwriters

#### Review

Adam Sweeting Lyle Lovett/Mary Chaple

Wembley Arena T WAS 10 years ago that Lyle Lovett first met Mary Chapin Carpenter. He was travelling alone with his guitar, promoting his first album,

and she was his support act in a club in Alexander, Virginia. Low-key Lovett was taken aback to find that his opening act had brought along a fullscale rock band, but he was mollified when he found they had learned several of his songs and were happy to act as his backing band too.
That night, Carpenter was signed by an A&R man from

CBS Records. In the interven-ing years, Carpenter has established herself as a major American songwriter and sub stantial unit-shifter, while Lovett has carved out one of the

funniest-shaped niches in the record industry. The contrast between them on this co-headlining bill verged on the comical. Lovett is touring with his celebrated Large Band, a P.T. Barnum-esque undertaking featuring

brass and backing vocalists, plus piano, pedal steel, cello and fiddle alongside guitars, bass and drums. It is like a ghostly encounter between Duke Ellington and Bob Wills, conducted by a Marx Brother who nobody knew existed.

In part two, gravity and three dimensions were restored when Mary Chapin and her conventional fivepiece combo belted out her songs over a serviceable country-folk-rock backing. Her opening song, Shut Up And Kiss Me, was reminiscen of Bonnie Raitt (gravelly voice, slide guitar): I Take My Chances suggested Bruce Hornsby (stately chord pro-

gressions); and Naked To The Eye sounded like a combination of Raitt and Hornsby. All perfectly fine, but it merely served as a reminder of the sheer otherness of Lyle

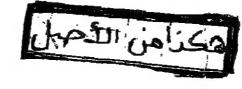
Lovett. He concentrated on songs from his recent album. The Road To Ensenada, but that in itself meant a riotous journey through a rapidly-changing patchwork of styles. A hot-stepping That's Right, You're Not From Texas pro-

vided a launch-pad for some fiery interpolations from the horn section and full-throttle contributions by the vocalists (who included former Was Not Was men "Sir" Harry Bowens and Sweet Pea Atkinson), Long

Tall Texan offered the feverish Tall Texan onered use several delusion of the oblique, lopsided Lovett "riding through Texas to enforce the law", a mismatching of roles on a par with Vinnie Jones addressing

Lovett is enjoying his first US country hit in many a year with Don't Touch My Hat, a deadpan declaration of Texan maleness. By comparison, I Don't Love You Any Less ("but I can't love you any more") is a masterclass in classic country songwriting, its cantering tune and tempo tersweet paradox of the lyric

later editions on Saturday



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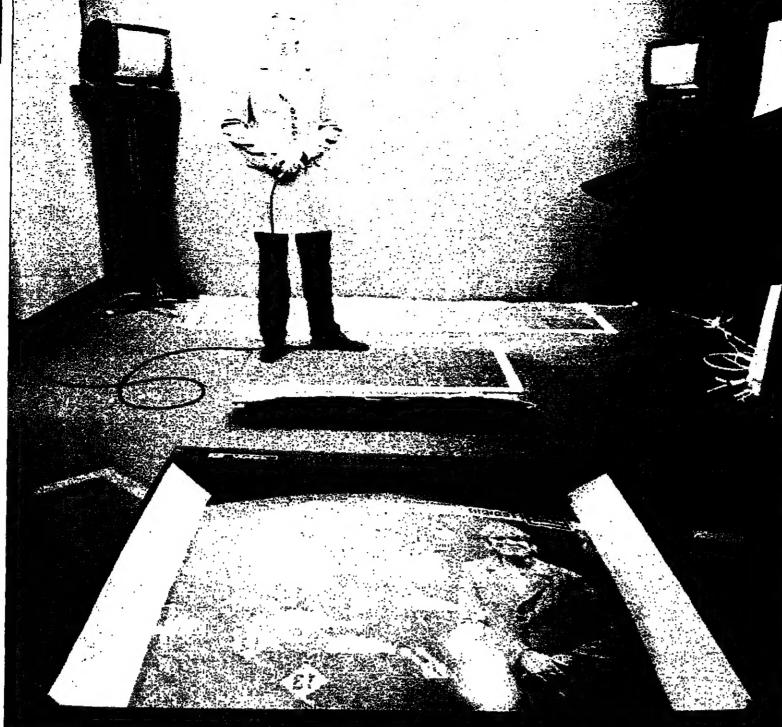
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They are seen as men with rows of **Biros** in their pockets, or bimbos. Neither is true'

 managing director Patrick Scott (below)





## All clear for Weather TV launch

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

HE storm clouds that gathered earlier this year have cleared. sunny outlook across the whole of the country.

That, at least, is the forecast from Patrick Scott, the man-aging director of The Weather Channel, which launches into 2 million homes tomorrow as part of BSkyB's multi-channel

The battle for supremacy between two rival weatherdedicated TV stations is over. The Weather Channel has bought a 50 per cent stake in the Canadian-owned company running Weather Network and the two are now planning international ventures in partnership.
The Weather Channel has

been broadcasting in the United States for 14 years and its bland of rolling forecasts and weather-related features is now crossing the Atlantic with storm force.

Initially, the channel which single cable network, will be transmitted on Sky only be-tween 6-11am, but other deals

A team of eight forecasters will provide 24-hours-a-day forecasts from a tiny studio in London's West End.

Seven of them will be female, because of a severe shortage of male applicants. The Dutch version of the Weather Channel had the reverse problem — it could not find female presenters.

Mr Scott said: "There is



'Tracey Sunshine' look of Ulrika Jonsson, left; and new technology 1975-style demonstrated by BBC veteran Jack Scott

their jacket pockets, or weather bimbos chosen for their looks. Neither is true." Presenter Nadine Dereza. who used to announce goals-corers at Wembley Stadium, rejected the "Tracey Sun-shine" label attached to exforecasters such as Ulrika Jonsson and Tania Bryer

characterised by blonde hair and toothpaste ad smiles. "I hope we are not chosen for those reasons," she said. "I have a journalistic background and I am fascinated by the weather."

In the United States the Atlanta-based Weather Channel is usually in the top 10 cable services. Mr Scott said it weather.
"We expect the average

viewing time to be between 10 and 20 minutes a day," Mr Scott said. The channel's slogan is: "Weather you can always turn to." There are detailed forecasts

every 20 minutes, with local weather every 10 minutes. In formation supplied by the Met Office will be fed into the channel's graphics system. Additional features will ex

amine air quality, ultra-violet levels and pollen counts. Travel and holiday slots are also planned.

Mr Scott said the service would attract three groups of viewers — the fanatics, or weather "anoraks"; planners, Mr Scott said: "There is would take three years to weather "anoraks"; planners, this stereotype: they're either break even in Britain, despite who wanted to know whether

men with rows of Biros in | the national obsession with | to pack a raincoat for a busi- | day from the BBC's new hiness trip; and those who tune in when the weather is bad.

'They want to know whether the snowstorm has reached Bodmin, whether granny has been snowed in in Kendal or if Fred has been flooded in Basingstoke.

The United States is known for its weather extremes, including tornadoes and hurri-canes. But Mr Scott said: "The Met Office issues 4,000 warnings a year, 200 of which are severe. So on two days out of three there is weather with the potential to damage life or

property."

John Teather, editor of BBC Weather, is sceptical about the channel's prospects. His

The BBC is about to launch thrice-weekly 10-minute Weather Show, with present-ers including Bill Giles and Suzanne Charlton answering

viewers' weather queries. Mr Teather said: "Does an American owned channel out of Atlanta have any idea of the British agenda? The market place will decide, but although Americans think they are the best forecasters, they tend to be shallow and not based on solid information."

The BBC, the current mar-ket-leader, has a vested interest in playing down the new comer's threat. It is rumoured a BBC weather channel could team of nine men and five be one of the corporation's women provide 56 forecasts a next commercial ventures.

John Kettley Is a Weath-erman was a surprise hit for the band A Tribe of Toffs in Yovember 1988.

**A summary** 

 Suzanne Charlton had to stand on a six-inch platform to be in camera shot. ☐ Michael Fish reassured a viewer there was no hurricane on the way on the eve of the devastating 1987 storm. The error has been blamed on a strike by

French meteorologists. George Cowling, the first TV weatherman, had to take his charts from the Air Min-istry to the BBC's studios on the Underground in 1954. ☐ Forecasters have played key roles in a number of

movies, including Nicole Kidman in To Die For, Steve Martin in LA Story, and Bill Murray in Groundhog Day. The weather was the star of the current release Twister □ Forecasters cannot wear light blue. If they did their graphics would be superim-posed on their clothes.

The BBC is planning sunburn warnings on a scale of 1 to 10 for exposure times. The weather is Britain's third most popular pro-gramme and 80 per cent of the population watch it five

or more times a day. The BBC says isolated showers means a 10 per cent chance of rain, scattered means 30 per cent and occa-sional means 50 per cent. □ Bill Giles, the BBC's senior forecaster, is planting olive trees at his home in Oxfordshire in prepara-tion for global warming.

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### Chancellor scoffs at 'foolish' tax cutting ploy

HE Chancellor, Ken-neth Clarke, last night brushed aside backbench demands for a giveaway election bud-get insisting that the Tories' re-election hopes rested on re-election hopes rested on the sound management of a

Speaking after a meeting of the IMF's policy making group. Mr Clarke said: "A government that intends to win an election does not cre-ate problems for itself by be-having foolishly a few months

before." Mr Clarke also seized the opportunity to scoff at those demanding his resignation because of his pro-euro

sympathies. He said it would be absurd for a British chancellor to ex-clude himself from discussion on the single currency.

Turning to his Budget strat-egy, Mr Clarke maintained that the upcoming public spending round, ahead of November's pre-election Budget would be based upon the policy of the Government, which was to get back to balance in the medium term.

Giving a preview of his election tactics, Mr Clarke said: "This government will be re-elected on the basis of the reputation it deserves for competent management" and on the prospect of rising liv-ing standards for the next few

The Chancellor appears de-termined at this stage to resist demands from spending departments for a more generous pre-election settlement big income tax cuts.
"I am not going to go to the

With stronger high street spending fuelling stronger business activity, the Chan-cellor has been increasingly callor has been increasingly seek to wreck the whole pro-upbeat here about the pros-ject, would be a rather odd pects for Britain this year and proposition."

widely criticised summer forecast of 2.5 per cent expansion is well within reach and that the UK could go for even higher growth, bringing down the jobless rate, until

polling day.

He also made it plain that despite pressure from the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, for an immediate rise in interest rates he saw no inflation threat.

"I make my judgment on in-terest rates on the basis of real economic indicators" — like the speed of recovery and the length of the dole queue. The Chancellor saw no immediate inflationary pressure and pointed to subdued wholesale and commodity

prices and little sign of up-ward pressure of pay packets. Mr Clarke has been put under pressure in Washing-tion over the UK's stubbornly high levels of public borrow ing forecast to hit £27 billion this year and put it beyond the Maastricht criteria of 3 per cent of gross domestic

With an eye on his critics at home, he stressed that he was not going to allow UK budget policy to be made by the IMF or on the basis of the Maas-tricht criteria but only on his own goal of bringing the public finances to balance in the

medium term.

Any hopes Mr Clarke may have had from escaping from the Dublin row over European monetary union quickly evaporated when he met finance ministers and central bankers from the G7 countries. The US Treasury Secretary, Robert Rubin, led a lengthy discussion on the impact of the euro on economic growth and currency stability.

turn the US focus on EMU to Instead, he urged the voters to judge the Government on its growth record.

Instead, he urged the voters ing: "The idea that the American Treasury Secretary should be interested by the contraction of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer should somehow de-tach himself from all this and

#### Tributes follow death of game show host Leslie Crowther

Mick Varley

EADING showbusiness Infigures yesterday paid tribute to television presenter Leslie Crowther, who has died at the age of 63.

The former host of shows ranging from Crackerjack to The Price Is Right died of heart failure in hospital near his home in Bath. Comedian Michael Bentine

led the tributes. "He was a very real friend, a super guy, a funny, funny man and one of the nicest people I know." Ernie Wise said: "He was a

very good performer, he loved his cricket and had a great sense of humour. We all loved Tributes also come from the

Lords' Taverners charity cricket team, of which Mr Crowther was a former president. Its director, Patrick Shervington, said he was "one of the greatest presi-dents" who campaigned tirelessly for disabled and disad-vantaged youngsters. "I have never known any-

one so committed to the charity - for which, in 1992, he was quite properly awarded the CBE."

Behind the slick facade which was later to become his

dogged by darker episodes. The death of his son-in-law, Phil Lynott, of the rock band Thin Lizzy, after years of drink and drugs abuse, sparked the most notorious: a descent into alcoholism in the late 1960s.

He was successfully treated, but spent six months in hospital after a car crash in

Yesterday his agent, Jan Kennedy, said: "Through all the adversity of his serious car accident four years ago, he never lost his sense of humour. We have all lost a star and a very dear man."

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Leslie Crowther: 'a super trademark, his career was guy, a funny, funny man'

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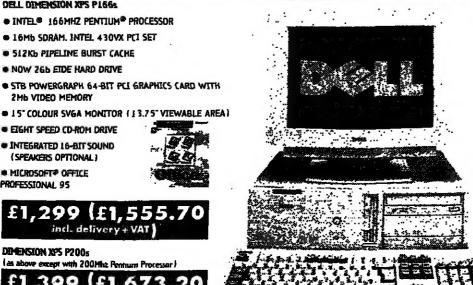
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Made at Pinewood: Tom Cruise in Interview With The Vampire

studios, is going through something of a boom. With successes including Mission

Anna Neagle in a scene from London Melody. But this week Pinewood studios in Buckinghamshire, Britzin's biggest film studio, is ignoring its birthday, pre farring to get on with the business of making films. Pinewood, like many British

salmon, ham and chicken,

accompanied by 1928 Mumm

Cordon Rouge, before watch-ing Herbert Wilcox direct

The Vampire, and First Knight, profits have been at record levels for the past two years, and the refurbished stages are booked into ner year. A remake of The Day Of

Willis and Richard Gere, is about to start filming. "The best way to celebrate our 60th year is to be here for

Steve Jagg. "We've poured a typical day there are 2,500 lot of money into the infra-structure to make sure we'll becimicians and its 18 refur-

Ten years ago, at the time of the 50th anniversary, things did not look so good. A garden party for 2,500 guests was cancelled, there had just been an announcement that filmed at the studios, and staffing levels were dropping

bished stages, one of Pine-wood's assets is its setting. It was built next to Heatherden Hall, where the 1919 Irish Free State treaty was signed, an event marked in the forth-coming biopic, Michael Colmade at the studios: it was Bugsy Malone's mansion, the house in Chitty Chitty Bang Rang and the baddies' head-

Bang, and the baddies'

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Dan Glaister at Pinewood Studios

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the Mansion, a history of Pinewood Studios. "It's also got nice creature comforts. The studio's restaurant used mansion, and the boardroom has panelling from an old Cunard liner."

1930s by Charles Boot, a film-

ries. After the war, the studio entered its heyday. Oliver Twist and Doctor In The House were made there. Maristudio, and Truffaut and Chaplin directed there. Later successes included Aliens and The Little Shop Of Horrors.

But the mainstay was the Bond films, starting with Dr No in 1962. Today the studio

"It's a very nice place to 1930s. During the second film in there but can't be make films in," says George world war it was requisited as its booked up, says Mr gestion of a sale as "press Perry, author of Movies from tioned to make documentary Perry. The last Bond film, speculation". Goldeneye, met the same fate.

Pinewood shares with Dis-ney the distinction of being the only major studios still under their original owner-ship, but Pinewood's future is uncertain Early last most the Rank Organisation hinted that it was preparing to sell up. Movies, apparently, do not fit in with its entertain-ment and leisure plans. Since

Should Rank decide to sell to revive the British film in-dustry, and not just film-mak-Rank would be ideally posi-tioned to assume the role of

### **Labour plans** pre-school pilot schemes

ABOUR plans to test new combinations of Istate and private childcare and nursery education if it wins the election. David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman, will announce this week.

In an attempt to appeal to working parents, the party is preparing pilot schemes for "one stop shops" where parents could buy childcare and take their three and four year olds for schooling.

the party's "save before you spend" policy by combining existing public funding and means-tested parental contributions. It is modeled on schemes like one set up by Labour-controlled North Tyneside, which combined voluntary, private and local authority co-operation.

Affordable childcare will enable single mothers to work and become less dependent on Nursery education has be-come a key electoral battle-ground since the Conservabenefits, Labour believes. All

three and four year olds will be entitled to half a day of free acheme which will hand enmonths of a Labour government under the party's plans. In North Tyneside the countitlements worth 21,100 to hundreds of thousands of families in February, with the cil expanded its nurseries by election only two months away at most. Labour is pledged to scrap the scheme, but nursery education is pop-ular in opinion polls, and the charging parents who could afford to pay. Places rose from 95 to more than 400, and a non-profit-making com-pany, Childcare Enterprise Limited was set up, and last party is anxious to be seen to replace vouchers with something positive.

The pilot schemes will involve small numbers of children and be paid for under time.

# Women QCs 'enjoy reverse bias'

'Complacent attitude' of senior Appeal Court judge attacked

controversy at the weekend when he suggested that some women they were only because of their sex.

Sir Christopher Rose was responding to an accusation from a female barrister that women faced a "hostile envicourt. He told the Bar Council's conference in London on Saturday: "On the contrary, I can think of one or two exam-

ples, and happily they are very few, where women have been appointed when if they had been men of comparable

However, Mary McAlesse, child victim of sexual abuse on only 1 per cent of cases, pro-Vice Chancellor of and an alleged adult victim of There were no standard fees Queen's university, Belfast, sexual abuse." Queen's impersity, Beliast, said there was a need to tackle the profession's culture of complacency, "a little of which I heard resonating in Sir Christopher's attitude".

Sir Christopher, who holds the influential chalmanship

of the Criminal Justice Consuitative Council, called for reconsideration of the rule most expensive criminal review reform of legal aid and Human Right permitting defendants reprecases. The pledge follows distinct the civil justice system law, a move senting themselves in rape closures about the earnings of together. This would address senior judges.

cross-examined his accuser for more than 12 hours over a six day period.

himself is already precluded from cross-examining a child." Sir Christopher said.

Lord Irvine of Lairs, the shadow Lord Chancellor, said in the recent case was "a con-tinuation of the abuse itself". Lord Irvine warned barris-ters that an incoming Labour government would cut the high fees paid to QCs in the

ing them as the only practitioners whose fees are left to the indeterminate concept of reasonable fees for work reasonably done". In the first detailed outline of Labour's plans for the legal system, he said an incoming Labour government would review reform of legal aid and

Barlow Clowes - were paid

Lord Irvine, a practising QC himself, said 46 per cent of

the criminal legal aid budget

more than £300,000 each.

cases to cross-examine their defence counsel in big fraud "how the costs of the most exalleged victims personally. In trials, which can top £1,000 a pensive cases can be significant case the defendant day. Six QCs in three of the cantiv reduced". trials, which can top £1,000 a day. Six QCs in three of the biggest fraud trials — Guinoess, Britannia Parks and

ical overbaul of the system for appointing judges, includ-ing a new judicial appointments system, with a strong lay element, to advise the Lord Chancellor. This would meantime new procedures to recruit circuit judges by ad-vertisement should be extended to High Court judges. He called for an end to the system of secret soundings, in which candidates are not told

what senior judges have said about them." Lord Irvine promised that Labour would incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, a move supported by

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### Vicar keeps worship happy-snappy

Sarah Boseley on the advent of the 30-minute church service

'00 hectic a home life for hymn singing? Baffled by biblical jargon? Never Beedon has the answer.

Yesterday Wednesbury in the West Midlands, famous for the invention of the sea less metal pipe, saw the birth of another innovation — the 30-minute happy-snappy

"We did a survey last year of families who had brought their children for baptism, asking them: Why won't you come to church?" said the Rev Beedon. "They said it goes on too long, I don't be the church of the long of the l understand it, it's boring and the hymns make it sound like

He has countered with a service dealgned to harmo-nise with "post-Christian cul-ture". Centuries ago, Chris-tianity offered all the entertainment, information, education and moral discipline any small community was going to get. But in the era of Oasis, Ecstasy and Baywatch Babes, it can no longer be assumed that any-body knows what the vicer is on about any more.

"We're trying to make very few assumptions of prior knowledge," the Rev Beedon said. "We consciously try to eschew words that wouldn't usually be understood words like Redemption. Do you have to use a word people don't usually hear? Their eyes glaze over."

Salvation might be more easily explained, he thought.
"I was in the navy for 10

years. Salvation comes from the word salvage; you can use the image of a ship in distress | to church since June



Simple faith... The Rev David Beedon and congregation

and another ship going out to the rescue and bringing it back to safety." The three more traditional

services at the 700-year-old St Bartholomew's church attract about 80 people in total. Yesterday's 3pm quickie brought in 33, most of them young parents with small children. It was held in the modern church hall at the foot of the hill, not in the imposing parish church at the top, still blackened from the industrial revolution

There was no shuffling in the pews or rustling of hymn books — all the words were projected on to a screen. In

projected on to a screan. In place of an organist was Pete Emma with his guttar.

The congregation loved it.

"It's ideal for me," said Diane Carder. "With Emily being so young — she's two — I deel ambers seed if the makes a

embarrassed if she makes on noise in church." Sandra Wilde had not been

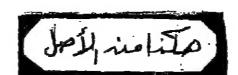
year, when she and her hus-band had Jenna, now five, baptised at the church on the hill. "We felt Jenna should

carry on going to church ser-vices," she said. But they were busy. They were attracted yesterday by the short service and an area with toys | the church itself? "I usually and books where children can blay if they get bored.

don't get up that early. And it's a bit long," he said.

Only the vicar's son, Kirk Beedon, aged 14, voiced a small doubt. "It clashes with Football Italia on Channel 4," he said, "although not every-body enjoys Italian football, of course." Could he not go to his father's 10.30 service at

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### **Blair offers** crusade to revive NHS

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

The Court on

ONY Blair aimed to placate disgruntled Labour delegates last night with a traditionalist speech promising to pro-tect the National Health

At a pre-conference rally in Blackpool, he reiterated that a Labour government will scrap the internal market in health introduced by the

Conservatives.
After weeks of delegates reading about Mr Blair's shift to the right, the party leader-ship hoped to sweeten them with a tub-thumping rally on

Labour's health spokes man. Chris Smith, will today reinforce Mr Blair's speech by announcing on the first day of the conference a new initiative aimed at helping to teckle cancer.

Mr Blair said a Labour gov-grament will provide "better treatment with the newest technology, quicker treatment by cutting waiting times and specialist treatment through regional centres of ercellence" but he avoided making any financial

commitments.
The party's national execu-

speech. It rejected two that went much further, including one expressing concern at "the further demise of the health service and the lack of commitment by the Parlia-mentary Labour Party to bring forward policies to remedy the problems."

In his speech, Mr Blair said: "Let this rally today be the start of a crusade to save, rebuild and improve the NHS. If we fail, if the Tories are If we fail, if the Tories are allowed to carry on, then I warn the British people, the NHS will be destroyed."

He said: "My fear is that another five years of the Tories and the NHS will increasingly

resemble a rump service, reduced to a poor accident and emergency service. People will be forced to spend hundreds of pounds going private and that's if they can afford it.

"Another five years of the Tories and those on the right of their party will try and im-port the worst aspects of the American system."

He said Labour will end "the scandal of patients wait-ing on irolleys", create an in-dependent food standards agency, cut waiting lists and replace GP fundholding with GP commissioning.

tive yesterday agreed to back a conference motion broadly in line with Mr Blair's page 9; Economics, page 1;

**Union switches sides** 



A new picture of Tony Blair, wife Cherie, and their children Euan, Nicky and Kathryn which was released yesterday on

Labour Party.

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HR prospect of a further loosening of the links between Labour and the unions received a setback yesterday when the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical union leadership announced they had switched their line and would oppose any organisational break

The 700,000-strong AEEU has been the only big union committed to ending the link and turning Labour into a "fully one member, one vote organisation with no collec-

But yesterday Ken Jackson, [ general secretary, said the union would oppose any fur-ther dilution of the relationship: "It is not the unions that ought to be dropped by Labour. What needs to be dropped are careless words and careless shadow ministers." He joined the GMB union leader John Edmonds in calling for the sacking of

Stephen Byers, Labour's shadow employment spokes man, who floated a process for ditching the union links. In another reflection of

party leadership had "better learn to live with the unions. We are not going away."

Writing in his union's journal, in an apparent reference to Tony Blair's calls for arbitration and ballots during the London Underground and postal disputes, he said: "New Labour simply displays its in-eptitude when it interferes in industrial disputes".

Labour's national executive yesterday tried to defuse criticism from the Communication Workers' Union over Mr Blair's intervention in the post underlying tensions, Lew Addispute by saying it would ams, general secretary of the traindrivers' union Aslef, warned yesterday that the "external interference".

ABOUR'S shadow for But Mr Cook described the report as "wholly diseign secretary, Robin Cook, yesterday condemned as "mischievous, dishonest and wholly un-professional" a newspaper report which claimed he had attacked Tony Blair on

the issue of poverty. in an unusual move, Mr Cook released a transcript of his interview with the Sunday Times after yesterday's article headlined was neglecting the poor. I said that the media were cookers the cookers the media were cookers the media were cookers the media Cook released a transcript 'Cook rounds on Blair for neglecting the poor. I be-

his neglect of poor".

The front page lead story claimed Mr Cook was was criticising Tony Blair.

'against his leader's strat- | was mischievous and disegy of wooing middle-class voters", and that his outourst was "dynamite".

Witherow, said that Mr Cook was trying to paper over the divisions in the Labour Party. "It was Robin Cook who

rounding on Tony Blair, I repeatedly praised Tony Blair and said I was absolutely signed up to the transformation of the

### Cook denies poverty attack

honest". He said: "Far from

**Hick Varley** 

honest and wholly unprofessional." The paper's editor, John

repeatedly raised the issue of the poor, and it was clear in the interview he believed the Labour Party was ne glecting what he called the bottom 30 per cent of society. He said that as we reach out to' new voters, we should also remember the dispossessed. He was clearly talking about

### 'Gold pass' security leaves pensioner out in the cold

Blackpool

T LAST. Proof positive that Labour has truly become like the Tories. Security at Blackpool this

Bournemouth next week. To | week's wooden spoon on Sat- | got one each. Only the seri- | sortment of party notables | he is being squeezed out of the get into the imperial hotel urday night by refusing entry this week requires an airport to Glenys Kinnock, but yesthis week requires an airport-style security check — a public-private partnership be-Lancashire Constabulary and our old favourites Group 4. One advantage of this development is that it is far easier to get a

drink in the Imperial's bar than it used to be. The disad-vantage is that the only other journalists.
Once you get into the Imperial all the talk is of the nota-

year has gone up a couple of | bles who haven't been able to notches and is now fully on a get past security. A youthful per with anything we'll see at PC made an early bid for the

terday's clear winner was the accept that the little old lady waiting in the car park was entitled to be admitted to the portals of the mighty. It took swift action by Tony Blair's people to persuade the con-stabulary that Barbara Castle could come in from the rain.

BARBARA, unfortu-nately for her, hasn't got one. But then nor has Gordon Brown. Alastair Bakbaka, uniortunately for her, hasn't week, though, think again. The got one. But then nor has Gordon Brown. Alastair campbell and Peter Mandelson, on the other hand, have the past, the NEC and an as-

ously important people can managed to squeeze up there get priority treatment at the buttock to buttock for the big get priority treatment at the security queues, by sporting a Gold Conference Pass — in fact it's lime green with two golden stripes across it — which entitles the bearer to jump the queue. All Tony Blair's office seem to have them, but none of the shadow cabinet and none of the national executive either.

But if you think the Gold Pass is the hot ticket of the

speech. This year Blair wants the platform all to himself, and only what is being described as "a representative group of NEC members' is being allowed to sully the view. Much wailing on all sides, and especially from Diana Jeuda who as this year's conference chair, was expecting to see herself on every news bulletin

NE man who is satis-fied, bowever, is John Prescott. To look at the

tomorrow evening.

limelight again by the image boys this week. But life has its compensations. The great man has been given his first ever Special Branch guard for the week, and he's loving it.

Section 1 POTTED in the Imperial.

The first meeting between Neil Kinnock (they let him in) and Peter Mandel son since Andy McSmith's book suggesting that the two didn't think quite as highly of one another after all. Over beard - Kinnock to Mandel son: "I knew I'd seen those demon eyes somewhere before." Martin Kettle

### LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE **Pensions**

From 1980, when the Tories dropped the automatic link

ned to restore it. At the 1992 general election. Labour promised to increase the basic state pension by £5 a week for single people C8 a week for married

couples: But this summer, Labour

But this summer, Lexonal dropped its commitment to the tink and only promises to continue the existing annual uprating in line with prices. The party has also proposed additional low-cost private top up "stakeholder pensions" as n aitemative to occupation schemes, and pledged to target help on 700,000 of the poorest penaloners currently not receiving income suppor Wednesday, the perty denship line will be challenged by the format arbera Castle and her

supporters, who want to restore the earnings link, give an immediate boost to the basic pension and restore the Tory cuts in the State

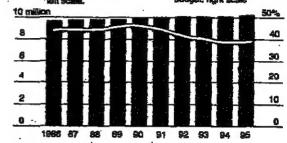
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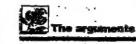
million pensioners. After a de. there are expected to be 44% more over 60s by 2025. Everyone who has worked gets, the basic state pension. People can opt out to be a pension. supplementary State Earnings-Related Pensions if they are part of an occupational pension scheme run by their employer or have purchased a private parsion with a finance company.

The state person is £61.15 for a single person and £97.75 for a couple, costing £29 billion a couple, costing £29 billion a year. If the link with earnings had etunived it would now be £80.25 and £128.65

The basic state pension for a single person was 20% of sweeps male carriers in the late 1970s. It is now 14% and secretarily the second in the 1970s. expected to drop to 9% by

Around 48% of the employed workforce are members of private occupational pension achemes - a decline from the pask of 53% reached in 1967. For women, the proportion is.





For Labour's new plan. The priority must be to concentrate on the poorest 700,000 pensioners. Barbare

poorest 703,000 pensioners. Barnare Coasta's pacinipe of proposals would cost 25.5 bitton during a Labour government's first term and put 2.5 pence-on the basic rate of lax. Any increase in the basic pension would also go to the well-off and be no help to pensioner on income Transferring pair of the national insurance.

ausplus from subsidising private schemes to boosting state pensions sould cost the 10 million people now in occupational schemes—including most usion members—up to 2500 a year. A second for of state-regulated private "staking later pensions" could provide members with better returns than a restitued Sassa scheme.

Against
The party is in danger of selling out to the
provide insulance industry, which carnot
provide adequate personne for the lowplus the restored earnings link. A risbuilt pay-as-you-go Serps scheme — plus the revivel of its women and manual worker-

friendly 20 best earnings years' rule — would be a cheap atternative to expensive private perisions and would

automatically expand with the growing pensioner population. The rising M contributions surplus — expected to be £3 billion a yeer in 2000 and £3 billion in 2020 — can be used to increase state pensions without raising taxes.



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#### As Bill Clinton summons Middle East leaders, on the street attitudes are hardening

### A deep vein of hate

TIE Israeli-Palestinian clashes of last week have not only gravely damaged the peace process, but have scraped away the among Jews and Arabs.

"So what do you expect? You give guns to Muslims, it's like giving them to children," said Yossi, a West Jerusalem restaurateur. "Eight months ago I said this would happen. The only surprise to me is that it has taken so long."
On the other side of the

Yussef, explained that is was impossible to expect airness from "the Jewish" They want to take everything, and give nothing. But the Jewish know we

no respect," he said. In King George Street, West Jerusalem, a group of West Jerusalem, a group of women had only one concern: their sons, serving in the Israeli army. "Why should he go back to Gaza? I saw it on television, what the Palestinians were doing there. It makes me sick that our boys are there. Let them do what they want,"

said one. Politically, Israelis seem much more divided than Palestinians. Several were outraged by the action of ment in extend tunnel in the Old City.

which triggered the clashes. "It's ridiculous and it's dangerous. Prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu musi doing, and what would result," said Rachel, a student. "If he didn't know, why is he prime minister's If he did know, why did he

In East Jerusalem, which if Israel has its way will never be Palestinian controlled, Yasser Arafat, Liberation Organisation, has won new respect since his forces fired back at Is-

raeli troops.
"Every time he was giving way," said Adnan, an office worker. "Now I think people have some pride. They saw the Palestinians resisting, for the first time.
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An Israeli soldier dons his beimet as Palestinians protest at the reopening yesterday of the disputed tunnel in Old Jerusalem PHOTOGRAPH: JOCKEL PRICE

### Palestinian police redeem themselves

Sami Aboudi in Jerusalam

HE Palestinian police who fought highly-trained israeli troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip last week have won new respect among their people. "We did not receive orders to fire at the Israelis and we did not wait for one," said a policeman. "We acted out of our own will and because of

what we saw." Young recruits - many inexperienced in warfare and short on ammunition — had intense gunfights with Israeli

opened an archaeological tun-nel in Old Jerusalem. the poorly paid Palestinians overran Israeli positions and put up stiff resistance to the better-equipped Israeli army. "We could not bear seeing

Israeli soldiers open fire on our people while we sat silently," said an officer in the Palestinian National Security Forces in Gaza. Police officers were among the 55 Palestinians killed dur-

ing five days of violence. Palestinian forces killed 14 Israeli soldiers and police. Scores were wounded. About 36,000 men and

International Monetary Fund. Apart from regular police. Palestinisms have paramili-tary units, and the Force 17 unit to protect President Yasser Arafat.

Palestinian security force - accused repeatedly of human rights abuses and corruntion - have been used by Mr Arafat to crack down on Islamists responsible for suicide bombings in Israel.
Last week's confrontations

gained Palestinian forces new respect with their people, but Binyamin Netanyahu, the Is-

At the core of Mr Arafat's police force are about 7,000 Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) guerrillas and Palestinian Liberation Army soldiers who returned from exile in 1994 under an Israeli-PLO deal giving the Palestinians self-rule. The Palestinian Authority

has since recruited thousands of former activists who grew up during the 1987-93 revolt against Israeli rule. Under the self-rule accord

women serve in six branches are all prime minister, was in-of the Palestinian police. furiated by the sight of Pales-according to sources in the tinian officers firing at his vided for a limited number of machine guns mounted on personnel carriers.

But the Palestinians' armoury is tightly controlled by Israel. In last week's battles, Palestinian forces faced acute ammunition shortages. Policemen said they were issued only 30 bullets each. ● The missing Israeli airman

Ron Arad, who was shot down over Lebanon 10 years ago, is still alive and being held by Islamic militants, a German magazine, Focus, reported at

### Taliban set for new push north

Phil Goodwin in Islamsbad and Router in Kabul

HE victorious Taliban militia is massing its forces near the town of Charikar, 25 miles of the Afghan capital, for what seems to be an imminent confrontation with the ment of President Burhanud-

liban yesterday assumed the role of Afghanistan's new gov-ernment for peace, and held talks with a delegation from Pakistan and with the United Nations special envoy, Dr Norbert Holl

The Taliban made what must have been a humiliating meeting for the UN envoy conveniently easy. They reopened the city's main air-port which had been closed for more than a year, sparing him a 90-minute drive from the former government's

The militia had shame elves and the UN when, themselves and the ON when, after taking over the city, they seized the former Com-munist-backed president. Dr Mohammed Najibullah, from his supposed protection at a UN compound. They shot him and his brother and hung them up outside the presiden-

Mr Holl refused to say whether he had raised the issue of the killing of Najibul-lah, whose Soviet-backed regime encouraged women to get an education. The UN envoy has already expressed his deep dismay at the incident and the UN Security Council on Saturday also deplored the brutal execution"

The new government yes-tarday banned any Islamic funeral for the former presi-dent. Kabul Radio said a 'Namaz-i-Janaza [funera] prayer service] for Najibullah cannot be held because he was a Communist and mur derer of innocent Afghans" The government has not said what is to be done with his

Dr Holl spent two hours with the leader of the Taliban governing council, Mullah Mohammed Rabbani, and said his main message was that "the United Nations wants to continue the political dialogue and co-operation with the Taliban". He said he had discussed the question of

Beard-growing rule imposed

AFGHANISTAN'S new Aruling Taliban Islamist militia yesterday ordered government employees to grow beards within oneand-a-half months or face

Islamic punishment.
An announcement broad ast by the official Kabul Radio, monitored in Islam-abad, said the order would apad, said the order would apply to government employees and the military. Anyone flouting it would face action under Islamic sharto law. It did not specify what penalties would be imposed.

imposed. It said short beards would not be allowed, but it did not explain how long a heard should be or whether beards could be trimmed. — Reuter.

words the Taliban show every intention of ignoring.
The militia are tightening their control of life in Kabul daily. They have imposed Isfoot and hand cut off.

Mr Holi said he had dis

cussed the role of women along with human rights.
"This is an issue and will remain an issue," he said. The Taliban has told men to report for work as usual, but had said women should stay at home. They have also nned education for women. About 70 per cent of teachers

The UN employs many women in its programmes in war-ravaged Afghanistan and had already suspended educational activities in areas captured by the Taliban, a mili-tant Sunni Muslom movement which grew out of religious schools in refugee camps in Pakistan.

Taliban fighters have entered foreign relief agen-cies in the capital to find out if women are working there,

aid workers said. Mr Holl said that in pursuit of national reconciliation he would go to the northern town of Mazar-i-Sharif soon to talk to the powerful Uzbek chief, General Rashid Dostam, who has his own army and small air force. If they contacted him, he would also talk to the ousted president, Burhanud-din Rabbani and his military human rights and hoped chief. Ahmed Shah Massoud, there would be "a construction who gave up Kabul without a who gave up Kabul without a tive solution". They are fight and fled north.

### Women lose right to pick spouse

RULING on the right of women in Pakistan to choose their future husbands led to angry protests in the city of Lahore yesterday.

They were triggered by a high court judgment that a Muslim woman's marriage is illegal without the consent of her guardian. Without consent, she risks imprisonment. Last Wednesday's ruling

was made in the cases of two women who said they had been persecuted for marrying the men of their choice against their families' wishes. One said her husband had been accused of abducting her even though she wanted to marry him. The other said police had harassed her and accused her of adultery. The judge ruled that a family's rights to have a say about a woman's intended are en-

Phil Goodwin in Islamabad | Murtaza murder witness was shot | gues that the marriage should be declared null because he

NEW evidence yesterday cast doubt on police ac-counts of events surrounding the death of Benazir Bhutto's brother, Murizza, who was shot dead by police 10 days ago, writes Phil Goodwin.

killing may have been mur-

But Islamic groups are delighted. Women in favour of the judgment demonstrated outside the high court, carry-ing banners attacking sex equality and defending family values.

der and not suicide. The witness was a policeman, who had said he was in-jured by Murtasa Bhutto's supporters and the prime minister's brother was shot

in the ensuing gunbattle. After he was found de Police in Karachi say the evidence shows the death of of a witness to Bhutto's littled himself. They now admit the shot that killed him

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There will be an appeal against the judgment this

was fired from a distance. and human rights organisa-tions say the ruling will de-prive women of basic rights. | courts. In most cases, the riages are pending in the courts. In most cases, the woman's family had her ar-

Women's groups are hoping that victory in the high-pro-file case of Saima Waheed, due to conclude in the coming ights to have a say about a remaining intended are ender against the judgment this him he Koran.

Outraged women's groups volving women arrested in married him. Her father ar-

rights commission of Paki-stan, Asma Jehanghir, is defending that case. She said the high court ruling last week was "a great disservice to Islam". It would "open the floodgates for the harassment

of women by the authorities".
The ruling is embarrassing for Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who achieved international recognition in 1988 when she became the first premier of a Muslim country. Now back in power, she por-trays herself as leading a campaign to improve Paki-stani women's rights.

sion says there has been more discussion of women's issues under Ms Bhutto, but her government has made only several minor initiatives, and discrimination against women was still ingrained in society by laws and customs.

### Suu Kyi crackdown isolates Burma

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

Burma's military rulers accused the opposition leader, Aung San Sun Kyi, yesterday of seeking to instigate riots to justify arresting her followers in the National League for

The crackdown, bowever Burma's plans for gaining admission next year to full membership of the Association of South-East Asian

ing to her house on University Avenue, in the capital, Rangoon.

The Burmese authorities are still holding at least 109 members of the party, who were seized on their way to Ms Suu Kyl's house for a

Authorities blocked the

The ruling junta's denunciations of Ms Suu Kyi came as troops and armed riot police continued to block roads leading to her house on University Avenue, in the capital, end speech to crowds outside her house.

In further attacks on Ms Suu Kyi and the NLD yester-day the tightly controlled state media said she and other party leaders "have an attitude of opposition to the

The media said her week-end speeches not only broke the law, but she had also recently "instigated those who come to listen to her roadside talks to be courageous and defy the government without timidity".

The crackdown has prompted some of Burma's Assan neighbours to reconsider plans for its accession. Officials in Bangkok described the crackdown as "a congress to pre-empt demon-strations but the detentions are only the latest step in a campaign of arrests aimed at stifling NLD political defiance said.

Slorc [State Law and Order Restoration Council] and do not abide by existing laws campaign of arrests aimed at stifling NLD political defiance said.



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# Rwanda genocide is a lie, court told

Chris McGreal in Arusha,

The Guardian ...

UC de Temmer-man's defence strategy is as brazen as the crime itself. Standing before the first genocide trial since Nuremburg, the Belgian lawyer denies there was any slaugh-ter of Rwanda's Tutsis. And if there was a genocide, then the real victims were the Hutus. "It is going to come out clearly that it is not Hutus who are guilty," Mr De Tem-merman said before the trial. "There was no genocide. It was a situation of mass killings in a state of war where everyone was killing their

Arusha last week and was postponed for a month. But in those two days, the court was given a disturbing insight into defence tactics.

Leaders of the deposed Hutu extremists regime have tried to portray the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Tutisis in 1994 as a spontaneous tribal uprising which

they tried to prevent.

Mr De Temmerman is rewriting history differently.

He is the most vocal and belligerent of the defence lawyers, and he makes no bones about the contempt in which he holds the international tribunal.

"The goal here is political, not to find justice and truth," he told the court.

swore in French. Afterwards, he accused the judges of being part of an international conspiracy against Hutus, and said he would use a Belgian law to charge them with

rrimes against humanity.
The stocky, puffy-faced Belgian represents Georges Rutaganda, the vice-president of ganda, the vice-president of the notorious interahamwe Hutu militia which spear-headed the genocide. Mr Ru-taganda is dying of an undis-closed disease, believed to be hide and is unlikely to make Aids, and is unlikely to make it to a full trial.

Mr De Temmerman Mr De Temmerman brushed aside prosecution evidence that the former killed," he claimed. leader had dispatched Tutsis to barricades where the miliiia tortured, raped and cut enemies."

Twice during a single heartheir victims to pieces.

The international tribunal ing, the judges rapped him over the knuckles after he of sending Tutsis to roadof sending Tutsis to road-

Clinton approves plan for African 'crisis army'

countries where insurrec-

tion, civil war or campaigns of genocide threaten mass civilian casualties. It would

not intervene in the fight-

ing, but would establish and

protect safe areas where ci-

PRESIDENT Clinton has approved a plan to organise, train, equip and help deploy an all-African mili-tary force of 10,000 troops to intervene in that continent's crises, senior admin-istration officials said. The African Crisis Res-ponse Force would be sent to

vilians could gather and receive relief aid. The United States is pre-

blocks that were guarded by in court to defend more than the interahamwe. Fine. You his sick client. He has long been counsel to the family of the slain Rwandan president. Juvenal Habyarimana, whose An incredulous prosecution

lawyer scoffed loudly, Others wondered just how many Tut-sis had survived the barricades. But Mr De Temmerman is

assassination sparked the genocide. Although Habyari mana is dead, he and his family are very much on trial for their role in setting the stage

on European allies to come up with the rest, officials said. The US would also airlift the troops. But the

pared to fund half the cost of the force, and is counting force will be created only if African and European countries agree. - Wash-

Among other things, Mr De Temmerman is keen to push the theory that Habyarimana was assassinated by a French

mercenary in league with Tutsi rebels. More sober minds believe the president was killed by Hutus who were even more extreme than he. But above all, the Belgian lawyer aims to challenge the

very basis of the charge. their colleague's tactics. Jo-"The tribunal must estab-lish what genocide is. What the first of the accused to go are we doing here today? I have often asked myself that question," he told the judges.

While at times claiming client's innocence. client's innocence.
Still, Mr Scheers has adopted Mr De Temmerman's buildozing approach. Last week he accused the prosecution of withholding evidence, there was no genocide, he is equally comfortable with an-other form of revisionism —

There are a million people dead, but who are they? They are 800,000 Hutus and 200,000
Tutsis. Everyone was killing
but the real victims are the
Hutus. So they've got this socalled genocide all wrong," he
claimed outside the court.

that the victims were Hutus.

A spectator wondered if Mr De Temmerman would argue that the Tutsis killed themselves to spite the Hutus. Other defence lawyers are

none too comfortable with

former mayor accused of genocide and crimes against And he shares Mr de Tem-merman's doubts that there can be a fair trial. "They have to convict Akayesu. He is the first one to go on trial, so they can't possibly let him go," Mr

and threatened to walk off the case unless he was given more time to prepare his de-fence of Jean-Paul Akayesu, a

### Nigeria faces abuses inquiry

lan Black in New York

OMMONWEALTH gov-ernments agreed last night to send ministers to look at buman rights abuses in Nigeria but they held off discussing further

The eight-nation Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, meeting in New York, announced that the mission would go ahead despite fears that access to dissidents would be restricted.

The organisation has been struggling with the Nigerian question since the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight fellow Ogoni activists during last November's Auckland

Nigeria was given a twoyear deadline to reform or face expulsion from the 53member body, but Commonwealth diplomacy, which depends on consensus, has been plagued by dissent.

Relations among members group called off a planned mission last month after the Nigerians refused to let ministers meet human rights

campaigners.
Canada, Jamaica and New Zealand had all called for tougher action with the Canadian foreign minister, Lloyd Axworthy, last week angrily describing fellow ministers as "appeasers" who were allow-

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ing Nigeria "to get away with" the executions. Mr Axworthy had insisted that the Commonwealth must reserve the right to meet opponents of the regime abroad and not have the terms dictated by the Nigerians. South Africa, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Malaysia have been more

stayed on the fence. The New York meeting came after a Human Rights Watch report chronicled alleged murders, torture and

oppression in Nigeria. General Sani Abacha's government nullifled elections held to choose a civilian govermment to replace years of military rule — and jailed Chief Moshood Abiola, who was popularly believed to



Chan Lai-ying, sister of the Hong Kong political activist David Chan, who died on Thursday after jumping from a ship in protest at Japan's claim over a group of islands in the East China Sea, is comforted at a vigil in Hong Kong's Victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen's victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen yes victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen yes victoria Park yesterday in memory of her brother Photograph whosen yes victoria Park yes vic

### Lawyer's motion suggests CIA drug link

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

OLICE in Los Angeles are examining a drug case that a lawyer is claiming provides further evidence that the Central Intelligence Agency was linked to the smuggling of cocaine into America's inner cities

during the 1980s. Three government inqui-ries — into the CIA and justice department, and by the House of Representatives' already under way after

recent allegations of a CIA | them the name of his contact | Oscar Danilo Blandón, a self- | drug connection.
The allegations were provoked by the case of the Los Angeles drug trafficker
"Freeway" Ricky Ross, which
was reported as part of a
series last month in the San
Jose Mercury News of

California. Now, Julian Dixon, a Los Angeles congressman on the intelligence committee, is reviewing a legal petition filed in 1990 by Harland Braun, a prominent California lawyer, in the case of a

corrupt Los Angeles sheriff's deputy convicted of complicity in drug dealing. At the time, the motion was little publicised because the judge banned it from the trial

the prosecution's request. Mr Braun offered as mitigation for his client the fact that deputies executing search warrants during a drug case in 1986 entered the

and ordered it to be sealed at

at CIA headquarters in Virginia, and was permitted to notify the agency about the

search.
"Officers discovered films of military operations in Central America, technical manuals, information on asorted military hardware and communications, and numer ous documents indicating that drug money was being used to purchase military equipment for Central Amer-ica," the legal motion

"Officers also discovered blown-up pictures of the sus-pect in Central America with contras [United States-backed Nicaraguan guerrillas] show ing military equipment and

military bases. Mr Braun claimed that after the search all the evi-dence the deputies recovered "disappeared" from the sher-iff's department. He later discovered it had been removed

Black leaders shun Farrakhan summit

cally encouraged the confessed drug dealer and Nicaraguan exile, and the shipment of huge amounts of cocaine into inner-city comsame man who turned US government informant and helped to convict Ross, Ricky into "crack" — a cheaper but more addictive form of pow-Ross faces life imprisonment when he is sentenced, which is expected to take place at a

The CIA's rationale, the theory goes, was to crush any potential subversive move ment among US blacks through the social degrada-tion that the crack spidemic

This theory has previously een dismissed as fantasy but evidence in the Ross case. and now the Braun motion appears to be lending it credibility.
About 2,000 mainly African

American demonstrators gathered on Saturday in the geles to protest about the CIA allegations.

army fighting Nicaragua's leftwing Sandanista govern-ment at that time. Col Bermu-"People in high places were winking and our children were dying," said Maxine Waters, a congresswoman home of an alleged money by federal agents.

In all been removed a many of its top executives.

The deputies carrying out man who identified himself as a CIA agent. The man gave suspect was working with the cia employee and knew many of its top executives.

Many blacks in America the area's worst hit by the cia agent.

CIA either condoned or cynical many of its top executives.

Many blacks in America the area's worst hit by the crack epidemic. south-central district, one of

90 per cent of black voters supporting President Clin-ton, most African-Ameri-

can leaders see no room for

a third force — and have thrown in their lot with the

"The agenda has been clear for months," said Rev

Jackson. "We are working to improve turnout in con-

black and brown people can

Mr Chavis insisted that

black Americans would

Democratic Party.

make a difference.

News in brief

#### US budget deal hammered out

A COMPROMISE on public spending sailed through the United States House of Representatives at the weekend and was hailed by the President Bill Clinton as bipartisan progress towards a balanced budget.

The accord grants the president the extra \$6.5 billion (£4.3 billion) he requested for domestic spending, with \$4 billion of that going to education. The new fiscal year starts tomorrow, and without passage of the bill, US federal agencies would be forced to close. The House sent the measure to the Senate where a vote is

expected today.
The huge spending bill provides \$244 billion for defence and about \$356 billion for domestic programmes. — Reuter.

### Submarine crew 'was spying'

THE North Korean submarine discovered off South Korea's easi coast was spying on roads and military airfields for a larger infiltration operation. Seoul's defence ministry said yesterday. The statement was the most detailed rebuttal so far of the

communist North's claims that the intrusion was accidental. The North insists the submarine was on a routine training mission when it developed engine trouble and drifted across the sea border. It has demanded the return of the submarine and its crew, and vowed retaliation for the killing of troops who went

So far, 21 North Koreans have been killed or found dead. One other was captured. Four South Korean soldiers have been killed during the manhunt, which is continuing.

The South Korean defence ministry statement said a study of the North Korean agents' belongings showed the intruders had taken photographs of a military airstrip. They also had a map on which they had marked newly built roads, the ministry said.—

#### Kuwaiti women demand vote

EIGHT days before Kuwait's men-only elections, hundreds of lawyers, doctors, artists and other prominent women demonstrated yesterday for the right to vote. Women across the Gulf

emirate staged a one-hour work stoppage in support of the protest.

"Please stand up and give yourselves the credit for making the impossible happen today," Lubna Seif Abbas told a rally of about 300 women and scores of male supporters.

Just 107,000 men will be eligible to vote on October 7 for the

national assembly. — AP, Kunnit.

#### Zulu reconciliation sought

LEADERS from South Africa's two main rival black parties made a rare joint appearance at a rally in the troubled KwaZulu-Natal

The call was issued by the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and the chairman of the African National Congress, Jacob Zuma, at a caremony in Stanger on the Indian

About 15,000 people have been killed in the province over the last 10 years in fighting fuelled by rivalry. — Reuter, Stanger.

#### Tiger stronghold captured

SRI LANKA'S army yesterday captured the Tamil Tigers' northern stronghold of Killinochchi, the last big town under the control of the separatist rebels.

A military spokesman said the troops who launched an offensive a week ago from the town of Paranthan moved into Kilinochchi, 180 miles north of Colombo, after encircling the rebel stronghold. The Tigers set up a base in the town in April after the army had captured the northern Jaffna peninsula. — Reuter, Colombo



Egypt reopened King Senefru's Red Pyramid, one if its best endowed pyramid sites, to the public at the weekend, 40 years after the Egyptian military turned the area into an army base. The nearly 4,500-year-old pyramid is in a desert area 15 miles south of the Giza plateau.

#### 'Godmothers' join Mafia

A REPORT prepared for the Italian parliament and published at A REPORT prepared for the transit partiament and published at the weekend reveals a sharp increase in the number of women charged with belonging to the Sicilian Mafia. According to the interior ministry's report on organised crime in 1995, 89 women were charged with membership or collaboration last year. Five

years earlier, the total was just one. "The emancipation of women has freed them to play a role in all areas of society," the report says. "This radical change has not been absent from the closed and hidden world of Mafia-related

organised crime." According to the report, "women of honour" still appear to make up only a tiny fraction of Cosa Nostra. It says most of them are employed in "white collar" activities. - John Hooper, Rome.

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#### Jonathan Freedland In Washington

HR black American movement launched at last year's Million Man March seemed close to political oblivion yesterday, as a follow-up convention organised by its leader. Louis Farrakhan, ended in failure.

The meeting, a "national African-American leadership summit". was convened in St Louis to build on the success of the 1995 march. Organisers had boasted that 30,000 black activists would meet for a convention that would rival the Democratic and

dred members of Mr Far- and Sudan. He came under ever, is rooted in electoral rakhan's Nation of Islam fire for consorting with politics. With polls showing sect came to St Louis and the leading black American leaders — including the former presidential candidate, Reverend Jesse Jackson stayed away. "What you see bere is the

truth slapping you in the face," a delegate, Kobi Little, told the Washington Post. "This is what happens if you don't organise."

Critics said yesterday's turnout was the result of Mr Farrakban's failure to capitalise on last year's march: bills were unpaid and lists of volunteers were left to gather dust.

But the movement was also badly derailed by con-Republican gatherings in troversy earlier this year Chicago and San Diego. Chicago and San Diego. after a tour by Mr Farrak-Instead only a few hun-han of Nigeria, Iraq, Libya

dictators. At yesterday's conven-tion, Reverend Benjamin Chavis - Mr Farrakhan's key lieutenant — defended the offer of a \$1 billion

hearing in San Diego in

Mr Blandon was one of two

Nicaraguans featured in the

series by the Mercury News.

The other was Norwin Meneses, who allegedly supplied

cocaine to street gangs in the San Francisco Bay area while

Mr Blandon concentrated on

Los Angeles.
Both worked with Colone

Enrique Bermúdez, chief of the CIA's private contra — or

dez, who was murdered in Nicaragua in 1991, was a full-

time CIA employee and knew

counter-revolutionary -

(about £666.6 million) gift from the Libyan leader, Muammar Gadafy, which has sparked a confrontation between the sect and the US government.
"This is family business." Mr Chavis said, describing

the money as a present from one branch of the African family to another. Currently the sect has been barred from receiving the money under US antiterrorism sanctions im-posed on Libya in 1986.

The key cause of the movement's failure. how- hall.

achieve their goals only if they organised separately. "We've been ignored by Republicans and taken for granted by Democrats," he said. But he made his remarks to a near-empty

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#### Loyalists to a fault

#### Labour tremors may come later

LABOUR comes to a wet and windy Blackpool on the verge of possibly its greatest electoral victory and perhaps of its longest period in government. If the opinion polls mean anything at all, Tony Blair will be prime minister next time the party meets. If the latest Guardian-ICM poll — wholly in line with our other regular monthly surveys — was repeated in an actual election, Labour would win 405 seats and have a majority of 151 over all the other parties. Labour would have won places like Bury St Edmunds, Lichfield, and Kettering. The Conservatives, down to 200 seats, would have been broken even more than Labour was in 1983, and would surely take more than a parliamentary term to recover. Maybe none of it will happen. Probably the figures will be less dramatic. But the essential point is true. Labour meets on the threshhold of something which a decade or more ago seemed impossible return to government.

return to government.

That possibility will understandably dictate everything that happens in Blackpool this week. In spite of all the temptations and off-stage encouragements to do otherwise, this will be a prodigiously united conference. There is barely a single member of the Labour Party, however disillusioned with Mr Blair's leadership, who intends to work the boat The discipling of this once intends to rock the boat. The discipline of this once internecine party is now formidable. Labour people are genuinely desperate to win. They regard failure as so horrific that they barely contemplate it. Defeat now would be catastrophic for the Labour Party.

That mood was well continued by the meabour days.

That mood was well captured by the weekend deal over pension reform between the leadership and the unions. Pensions has been a hugely divisive issue within the party for months. Barbara Castle's campaign for the state pension to be re-indexed to earnings rather than prices had become the focal point of a substantial campaign in the constituencies and among Labour's large, welfare-rights following. Yesterday, after phone conversations between Gordon Brown and Jack Jones, the campaign effectively came to an end. There will now be, in government, a national commission on pensions in which nothing is ruled in and nothing ruled out. Not for the first time the trades unions have put party unity first and their anxieties second. It will be interesting to see whether the constituencies — which, for the first time, have a majority of the votes (50 per cent compared with the unions' 49 per cent) - mount any sort of revolt when the issue comes up on Wednesday, but the betting

is that the sting has now been drawn. Yet it would be a mistake to imagine that beneath this disciplined exterior there lurks a loyal and disciplined interior. The Labour Party in 1996 is a surprisingly troubled culture. Many of its members rightly believe that they have been compelled to swallow their doubts in the cause of electoral victory. Their personal confidence in Mr Blair as a potential prime minister, as opposed to a potential election winner, is untested. There is a groundswell of anxiety, reflected in the pensions campaign. There is a deep sense that inequality is being neglected in favour of opportunity — all too often a meaningless concept for the poor. Robin Cook's remarks at the weekend may or may not have been an attack on Mr Blair but they spoke for many. They are echoed this morning in Chris Smith's Fabian pamphlet, New Questions For Socialism, which states: "If, after five years of a Labour government, we have not succeeded in turning back the march of poverty, then we might as well pack our bags as a political party and go home." Beneath the loyalism, and the probable endorsement of the party's minimalist economic commitments, this is the great fear. It will not be so silent

From the party leadership's point of view, this week in Blackpool is by far the most dangerous event in the political calendar between now and the election. If it went wrong for Mr Blair, the after-shock would ripple through to polling day itself. It might even tempt John Major into an improbable autumn election. The stakes are so high that all the effort is being applied to preventing any such outcome. But the real objective of this week must surely be to give the party and the country the confidence that a Labour government will work, will achieve good goals, will overturn the terrible legacy of Thatcherism and its aftermath, and will set a proud alternative direction. No one is asking for the impossible. A lot of people are asking for something to make the heart beat faster. Electoral victory, though an absolute precondition for everything else, is not enough. The country needs to want a Labour government, not merely to want the end of a Tory one. These questions lie in Tony Blair's hands this week. The prospects of his government will depend upon the answers he gives tomorrow, in what is probably the most important speech of his life.

#### **Tories raise incomes** Or maybe they don't

ONE reason the Conservatives won the last election was because they paid for a nationwide poster cam-paign warning people how much they stood to lose from higher taxes if Labour won. A public post-mortem is now being conducted over the Conservatives' record in office and, with any luck, we may get a conclusion before the next election. It started a couple of weeks ago when the Conservatives put posters up claiming that since the last election the take-home pay of the average worker and his family had gone up by 2700 after allowing for tax and inflation. This claim was repeated in the newspaper adverts taken out by Central Office to

recruit disillusioned trade unionists to the party. Labour replied (in a letter from Alan Milburn, shadow treasury minister, to Tory chairman, Brian Mawhinney) with a rather different conclusion. Far from real income going up since the last election, it had actually declined by £131.24 for a two-adult, two-child family, according to Labour. Central Office has promised to reply this week to Mr Milburn's letter. In the best of all worlds, one or other of the parties would, at some stage, admit that they were wrong, but past experience tells us that this is slightly less likely to happen than for pigs to take to the air. Why not refer this discrepancy of £831.24p to independent arbitration organisation (the Electoral Truth Society?) with both sides bound by the outcome? If such an organisation continued to exist until the final day of the election campaign the electorate might at least be able to vote on the basis of facts rather than posterised fiction.



### Israel, Palestine and justice

assessment of the situ-ation in Israel (Elev-27) leads to precisely the reverse conclusion than that which he asserts. If he is cor-rect in assuming the intention of many Palestinians that a sovereign Palestinian entity carved out of Israel is but a first step in their overall objectives, how does he manage to conclude that such a state would secure peace in the region, given that, after only 100 days of stalemate, the newly-acquired force of Pales-tinians is willingly used Does he assume that a

would forget the apparent as-pirations of its people (and presumably its own solders)? Michael Sedgley.

national Palestinian army

ARTIN Woollacott rightly questions the moral credibility of Israel because of its failure to accommodate the original inhabit. ants of what was then Palestine (Israel, caught again in the moral maze, September 28). However, the 20th century

ARTIN Woollacott's saw the creation of many assessment of the situants were forced to become refugees in their land of birth. Israel and Pakistan were both created in areas where an indigenous population was forcefully uprooted in order to make way for immigrants.
While India recognised Pakistan and made every effort to accommodate the Hindus and Sikhs displaced by the creation of a new Muslim state.

Arch countries turned a blind Arab countries turned a blind eye to the plight of the dis-placed Palestinians. Randhir Singh Bains.

> OUR leader (Pull back from the brink, September 27) offers praise for the mild, critical diplomacy by countries such as Britain and France in response to massive human rights violations by Is-rael. What is not mentioned is the obligations that all high contracting parties (including Britain, France and the US) have in international law to enforce the humanitarian pro-visions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, the aim of which is to protect peoples (such as the Palestinians) under occu-

rael is in clear breach of this convention and of its human would have allowed this rights obligations under the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights. The international commu-nity must exert far more pressure, including conside

tect the Palestinian civilians. Daniel Machover. Stephen Cragg. Lawyers for Palestinian

of economic sanctions, to pro-

N my book on Arafat, whom I regard as the only Palestinin leader capeble of deliver-ing peace from his side, I wrote that he would need the full weight of the interna-tional community's support if he was to succeed. I think Ara-fet should appeared and fat should announce, and mean, that he will resign if the international community does not do whatever is needed to require Israel to be serious about peace in accordance with UN Resolution 242 which is the bottomline of the

land 100 years ago. For me to think that this is a strange land, which I have to disown. is abhorrent." But this is pre-cisely how Palestinians feel, with far longer patrimony and with equal religious roots.

Alan Hart.

#### With the benefit of foresight, we guess who'll get the cash OU ask why the Old Left | families will suffer. The solurubbishes the New Labour tion is to give every 16 to 18-proposal on child benefit year-old the benefit and to in-

(Fairer for poor pupils, September 23). There is at least one excellent reason, which you give by saying that Labour would be redirecting money from those who don't need it to those who do." The Tory word is targetting, the proposal is for another meanstested benefit.

all Israeli attempts at armez-ing Arab East Jerusalem Religious nationalism should not be allowed to dicstigmatise those who claim tate the future of Jerusalem or the wider issues of Arab-Isthem, are expensive to administer, and are not claimed by a significant proportion of those entified. By all means take money from those who do not need it and redirect it to those Lu'ayy Minwer Al-Rimawi. London School of Economics. who do — but the income-tax system is much better equipped to do this than the benefit system. Alan Robinson. R Netanyahu says: "My family came here to this

11 Commonside, Crowle, S Humberside, DN174EX.

HOW dare the Guardian support New Labour's plans for scrapping child benefit for 16- to 18-year-olds.
Can't you see that it will lead to inadequate help for low-income families, just exactly what it claims to wipe out?

Districts of records at Eton. Pictures of people at Rton belie the reality. The destitute may benefit, but I would be fairly sure that any family on Conservative Party's love tance income would lose out. 21a Forest Drive West Certainly, all middle-income London E11 1JZ.

crease income tax at the top end to meet the cost, not simply to penalise most families. Jane Wess. 38 Agate Road, London We GAH.

IT IS astonishing that no one. including Gordon Brown, has pointed out that families on income support have their There is abundant evidence benefit reduced by the amount that meany-tested benefits of child benefit they receive. In effect, the poorest families gain nothing from child bene-fit whether their children are over or under 16. It is this fact which makes Labour's pro-posal such a sensible one. Per-haps Labour should go further and disregard child benefit when calculating entitlement to income support. Michael Dunne. 5 Sheen Gate Gardens; London SW14 7PD.

> **√**OU overlook one small problem — that the further education sector, which would be closely involved in producing the new generation of skilled young people, is in no condition to deliver the goods. Labour's plans are the right answer to the problem of funding post-16 students but, within FE funding, the plans will

#### Paul's fall

'M SORRY to disillusion view, September 28), but it wasn't his American accent that so irritated Radio 3 listeners — after all, H C Robbins Landon has broadcast on the station for many years without causing a revolt.
What we all hated so much
was his appellingly saccharine delivery, allied to a thoroughly emetic script, both of which would have een more at home advertis ing soap powder. Best to stick to pop music, Gambo. (Dr) R F Carter.

PAUL Gambaccini is under-standably critical of the way in which gutless BBC managers handled his removal from the network. But no amount of insulting the audience can mask the fact that he failed in his objective. When the show started, he said that the slot had the since student broadcasting crease it. Instead, it has Michael Dempsey. 59 Cephas Avenue,

London El 4AR.

TWO STALKER JUST WHEN YOUNEED ONE ...

#### Psst, there's a lawyer following me

September 27) are a symptom of the victim culture. Contem-porary society is characterised by pless for entitlements based upon one's position in the victim hierarchy. The demands of women's groups demonstrate a perverse reaction to the powerless experienced by so many in society.
By claiming victim status a
group effectively gives up on
its claim to equal rights. Even
the rich and untouchable Princess Diana and assertive Madonna claimed to have

We are all supposedly at the marcy of inconsiderate or anti-social people nowadays; look at the codes of conduct so

HE demands for control of so-called stalkers (Letters, september 27) are a symptom can be construed to be harass-

ment, necessitating the inter-vention of the authorities. The Law Commission's pro posals, ie abrogating the need to prove intention and replac-ing it with a test of reckless-ness, will require that we all become stalker-aware and police our personal interactions to legalised standards. Darryl Bickler. Legal Researcher, Freedom and Law.

PO Box 7, 64 Goodge Street, London W1 FP.

Pisase include a full postal address and daytime telephone number; even in e-malled letters. We regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters

#### Love on the line

needless" tunnel. The United

Nations implicitly accepted the *de facto* division of Jerusa-

lem between Arabs and Jews following the 1948 war and subsequent general assembly resolutions have all unequivo-

cally declared "null and void"

which was captured in 1967.

raeli relations.

Ken Norman.

Bowness-on-Solway, Carlisle CA5.

Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE.

letter to trade unionists (Advertisement, September 26) should appear on the same day that British Airways announces its intention to cut wages of some of its lowest-paid workers by up to 40 per cent. Can we now expect a statement of support from the Prime Minister for BA em-ployees in a fight to retain a civilised wage and, should in-dustrial action ensue, who knows, the sight of Tory MPs manning the picket lines Tony Tucker. Mayfield Cottag ingsley, Cheshire.

PETER Preston (Commen-tary, September 27) reports George Urban's com-ment that Mrs Thatcher's vireports George Urban's comment that Mrs Thatcher's vitriolically anti-German views
are comparable to those of Alf
Garnett. He is wrong, of

And high into the fells, the

date head every day from Marcourse, as the man was most warmly disposed to the Germans. Didn't he deciaim that we should have joined up with Hitler and had a go at the Russians and the Michael Petek. 18 Balfour Road,

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A Country Diary

drought continues. From the summit of Harter Fell the reservoir of Haweswater seemed barely two-thirds full, the southern arm beyond The Rigg completely dry, the en-trance to Riggindale a stony waste and the white strand along the shore scores of yards wide. Sheep contentedly grazed on newly-revealed meadows between the old stone walls drowned slmost 60 of Blea Water and Small Water — was stilled, the waterfalls and sliding pools now mere trickles down blackened rocks. High above the Nan Bield we looked down on Kentmere reservoir, another

THE LAKE DISTRICT: The waste of stone and mud with a drought continues. From the small pool in the middle, evidence of the effectiveness of the scaling of the outlet pipe after the reservoir had been emptied. It is now filling itself naturally from the fell becks slightly larger than a week earlier. We argued with mountain-bike riders on the passes that bestraddle Harter wondered at the patience of th twitchers quartering the fells merry, splashing music of yport in the hope of trade from Mardale Waters — the becks perspiring walkers. There Mardale Waters — the becks perspiring walkers. There that lesp down the contours were planty of people about from the twin mountain tarns but the anti-cyclonic gloom that has been afflicting these parts of late, made a rather sad scene. Only a rare glitter of smilight on the lively, mirrored pool of Small Water

lifted the spirit.
A HARRY GRIFFIN

### More white heat and less wallpaper, please

### Endpiece

Rov Hatterslev

the weekend on which the Labour Blackpool may have been an act of subconscious rebellion. For a spa, looking out to sea from the foot of the South Cliff, it is, or ought to be, one of Old Labour's holy places; it was there that Hugh Gaitskell vowed "to fight and fight and fight again" to save the party that he loved, and, in the same hall, Harold Wilson promised to harness the white heat of the technologi-cal revolution to the rusty old carriage of Britain's post-imperial economy.

For people who like a little

poetry with their politics, Labour And The Scientific Revolution, the title subsequently given to the new party leader's address, lacked

romance. But at Scarborough in 1963 there was, as there will be in Blackpool in 1996, the smell of victory in the air.

lost once again in York, had a strange, indeed perverse, connexion with Harold Wilson's determination to bring our capital-starved industry up to date; I was on my way to speak at the dinner that con-cluded the William Morris centenary conference. And if Morris had been at Blackpool in 1963, admittedly unlikely since he died in 1896, he would have stood up and aspirations for the complete hissed when the Leader of the Opposition announced his by the creation of a society in every street corner; for, as neither to make, nor to live, well as being a natural agitator, he was one of those rate. But it seemed an essential to the second rate is to the second rate.

So, we all cheered our heads off in the hope of building a world fit for statisticians and engineers to live in.

Last Saturday, I went to Scarborough with a solemn purpose that I realised, while last Saturday with a solemn purpose that I realised, while and the Assesser's sunnower and William Morris and the localendic Sages, I decided that, at the very least, I needed to refresh my knowledge. So, for the first time for 40 years, I read News From Nowbere.

I was less impressed by the arcadian dream of turning Trafalgar Square into an or-chard than I had been in my impressionable youth. News From Nowhere is full of noble which the poor are required people that believed the best tally interior decorator's sort way of moving forward was to re-create the past. man who designed and made When, back in the spring, I beautiful fabrics, I am more

Liberty's. Reading again Mor-ris's analogy of the New Jeru-salem, I marvel that one man could be so right in his de-scription of society's problems but so unrealistic in his analysis of how they came about, and so justified in his call for social revolution, yet so absurd about the form it should take I would neither wish nor

dare to argue with the aims that Morris set out in How ! Became A Socialist. He hoped for "a condition of society in which there shall be neither rich nor poor, neither master nor master's men, neither idle nor overworked, neither brain-sick workers by brain nor heart-sick workers by hand - in a word, a society in which all men would be living in an equality of condition". Amen to that and to the arguments advanced in News From Nowhere that crime is often the result of unequal distribution of property, that sexual equality is the natural order of the universe and that tence. It is not possible to take every man and woman has a seriously, at least as a political

but the man with enough practicality to believe that he "did not need to understand Marx's theory of surplus value in order to realise that em-ployers exploited their work-ers" hit upon an explanation, and a remedy, for Britain's unhappy condition which was clearly absurd. He really did believe that, in some previous Arcadia, the world was mor-ally different, And he did honestly imagine that The Fall which had been brought about by the "boiler and piston"

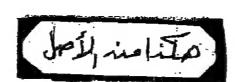
could be reversed by a return to the habits of Merrie Old Medieval England. "Owing to the extensive use of machinery and the division of labour, the work of the proletarians has lost all individual character." Perhaps Marx and Morris were right about that. But the future depends on harnessing the strength of modern tech-nology not pretending that it can be moralised out of exis-

more pure and beautiful.

High marks for analysis; to produce beautiful things, the leading passion of my life has been a hatred of modern civilisation."

The 'backward glance' is one of the most seductive, as well as one of the most dangerous, strands in socialist philosophy. It is only necessary to repeat William Cobbett's reflection that "There was a time in England . . "to feel an irresistible nostagia for our imaginary arcadian past. For the humble and meek, life was rotten in medieval England. It improved with the mechaniss tion of manufacture and the development of science and technology. And it will continue to improve, as Harold Wilson said over 30 years ago, while we move with the industrial times.

The golden age will not be built by smashing machinery but by organising its output for the benefit of what Morris called the commonwealth. The golden age, as every socialist should believe, is in the



#### Rome diary

John Hooper

TS NOT that I'm complaining. The people I talk to, back at the Guardian, to, back at the Guardian, include many good friends. It's just that they don't show a lot of, well, respect.
And that is something which, living in Italy, you rather come to expect.
The first thing I do in the morning is switch on the radio. In Britain, the newscasters just come crashing into your home without a

into your home without a bye your leave. Here, they edge themselves through eage insenseives inrough the iradesman's entrance and into the kitchen, bid-ding good morning to their gentili ascolutori" ("cour-

eous listeners"). If I drop in at the café by if I drop in at the cafe by the newsagents after buying the papers, I am sure to be greeted with a deferential "Banngiorno, signore". But then signore, or "sir", is the very least one can expect. When I get to work, there are usually letters and faxes spiting. The faxes will all

waiting. The faxes will all have been sent for my cor-test attenzione". On the envelopes of some the letters, I will be be addressed as illustrisimo" or "most revered", and the letters ineide will begin Egregio si-gnore" (not "Dear" but "Distinguished sir"). If I need some cuttings, I

no to the library of the newspaper where I am hased. In spite of the faci that we have a friendly even jokey — relationship, the librarian would not dream of calling me any-thing but *Dottors*". The cashler in the self-service restaurant up the road went one better the other day. After taking my money, she gave me my change saying. "They you are, Professore".

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Signore, Dottore and ssore are all rungs on an invisible ladder that, for a very select few, leads all the way up to Commendo-tors". Commendatore is ac-tually a title awarded by the Italian state, but to get called it in public you pretty much have to be Gianni

Somewhere between Dottore and Professore, a lot of professional people get stuck with their occupa-tional titles: Appocato (Law-yer), but also Architetto, Ingegnere, and others. Nor are these just for letters and

I was in a restaurant when when a man in a snit walked in and was greeted with "Your usual table, Accountant?" It is all part of that least expected aspect of Italian life — what Italians themselves call formalismo. Holidaymakers come here and see a nation of engaging people who smile and laugh a lot, and form the idea that Italians are an easy-come,

The reality is a country in which a 19th century mandarin would have felt per fectly at home. And it has evolved a language that allows for microscopic calibrations of sentiment.

There is the usual distinctween formal and informal versions of "you" (tu and lei in Italian). But there are also greetings and farewells that are appropriate to which allow you to modulate the degree of formality. Buonglorno" is right for someone with whom you use let" and clao" for romeone with whom you

use fu". In part, formalismo is a Product of Italians' general-led mistrust of all but those related by blood or marriage — a phenomenon that has been blamed for everything from the power of the Mafia to the cult of tax evasion. At all events, they have a remarkable talto for maintaining their distance while remaining cordial, even warm.

In part, I suspect, formao is also a conseque of the fact that Italy has never undergone a social revolution of the kind that transformed British attitudes in the sixties. And that in turn may be a result of its never having experienced a leftwing govern-ment. This is a country in which the working classes still "know their place", and the purpose of a lot of the formalismo is to assure the middle and upper classes of that fact. Foreigners present a unique prob-lem because it is so difficult to work out where they fit in. I happen to wear a beard of the sort which, in Italy, is much favoured by officers in the army and the

Carabinieri.

A few months after my arrival in Rome, I was set-tling up in a café round the remarked that he hadn't

seen me for a bit. "No," I said. "I was in Pa-lermo for a while. Then in

Naples."
"Not at the organised crime conference?," he

innocently.

I returned to the ber to and as I door, he gave me a deferential nod, a knowing smile, and touched his forehead with the tips of his fingers in a brief salute.

"ArrivederLa, Comman dante," he said.

### Back to the black arts of Blackpool

### Commentary

lan Aitken

EAR OLD Norman Willis, who used to run the TUC in the intervals between intervals between writing witty poems, pos-sesses a large reperioire of sa-tirical songs which he used to perform late at night during party or union conferences. The favourite was a number entitled "I am the man, the very fat man, wot waters the

workers' beer".
Almost as popular was a song, set to the tune of fikley Moor Baaht 'At, which began:
"I put a resolution down/ For the conference that was being held at Blackpool". It consisted of a verse by verse ac count of the devious ploys ex-ercised by the platform to frustrate his resolution. The retrain went: "It was never seen again/ It was never seen again/ It was no ch-ver seecen

This good-humoured par-ody always got a big cheer from Norman's audience, since its members had either practiced the ploys which it enumerated, or had been on the receiving end of them.

ences, where successful chicanery was a matter for pride rather than shame, and everyone knew the game was played with an exceedingly bard ball

So when it emerged yester-day that a deal had been struck between the leadership and the big unions, whereby Barbara Castle's plea for a return to the pensions poli-cies of past Labour govern-ments would be defused in ad-vance of Wednesday's vote, it felt just like old times.

The only real surprise was that the party leader's team of youthful Mister Fixits, known professionally as Blair's Babes, actually understood the black arts described by Norman Willis — and even knew how to work them. Baroness Castle probably doesn't share this vague sense of nostalgia (though she looked surprisingly sanguine about it on the Frost show yesterday morning) but she

must at least have felt a strong sense of déjà vu. As an old Bevanite, she was a victim of just such conference stitch-ups on countless occasions during the 1950s. Famously, she became a vic tim once more in the late 1960s, when the unions and their representatives at Westminster destroyed her plan

Such things were part of the well have deflected the far rich folklore of Old Labour more stringent measures of more stringent measures of Ted Heath and Margaret

But the pleasing paradox of the present stitch-up (if such a thing can be described as pleasing) is that one of those who shares the status of vic-tim with her is Jack Jones, the man who heads the the man who headed the Transport and General Workers' Union when Barbara's trades union reforms were put to the sword.
When Harold Wilson fam-

ously told Hugh Scanlon of the engineering union to "get your tanks off my lawn, Hughie," Jack's armoured origade was on the Number 10 grass alongside. Now he leads the organisation of OAPs which has spearheaded the demand for a living

Mr Jones, who knows a thing or two about the effectiveness of stitch-ups involving vast union block votes seemed willing yesterday to acquiesce in a deal whose questionable quid pro quo is a ledge to conduct yet another in-depth review of pensions

policy.
Lady Castle, on the other hand, made it clear yesterday that she regards promises of that kind as wholly inade-quate, bearing in mind what has happened to earlier Labour policy reviews like the Borrie Commission on

whose creation by John Smith was greeted with fan-fares of trumpets, has suf-fered exactly the same fate as Norman Willis's resolution

Norman Willis's resolution—
it was never seen again.
So the woman who has been
deristively dubbed the Pasionaria of Pensions by my former colleague and SDP activist, Polly Toynbee, now seems
intent on going through the
motions of a conference floor
result in what looks almost revolt, in what looks almost certain to be yet another de-feat at the hands of the block

At 85, it seems likely to be her last, but by no means her least honourable, battle. Yet, looking disarmingly tiny in an enormous hotel armchair, she assured David Frost yes erday that she wasn't to be bought off by offers of spurious reviews.

And quite right too. For this is not a case of Old Labour's last stand, easy though it is to project it in those terms. The reality is

The woman dubbed the Pasionaria of Pensions now seems intent on a conference revolt

that, even if Barbara disap pears from the scene, the issue she has raised will not. People will continue to grow old — even people who are quite young now — and they will continue to need a decent income in retirement. Means tested benefits are no answer for those who believed they had already paid for an hon-ourable entitlement to secu-

Attlee government which was struggling at the same time to rebuild an economy devas-tated by six years of total war. If Attlee could do it, why can't

An answer to that question was offered by John Kenneth Galbraith in an article in yes-terday's Observer. He recorded the extent to which the prosperous American middle classes are sustaining their own comfortable life-style by waging war on the poor. Not only had these people no intention of paying taxes to relieve this suffering — the well-off had discovered a positive interest in keeping it going. High unemployment Galbraith argued, was now ng. High unemployment seen as the best weapon against inflation.

It would be monstrous to accuse Tony Blair and Gor-don Brown of endorsing this sort of approach to economic policy. Both are decent, compassionate men. But the cli-mate of thought which their tax-and-spend policies reflect has almost certainly been infected by such attitudes among British middle class voters — the people who, in Robin Cook's view, are in danger of becoming Labour's prime electoral target.

Against this background, it is deplorable for Mr Blair to assert (as he did in an Ob-server interview yesterday) that to favour increased tax-ation and public spending is to be guilty of "intellectual

He can't possibly be suggesting that a literary Stakhanovite like Roy Hattersley suffers from sloth, Or — still more absurd — that Professor Gabraith doesn't stop to think before he writes. That level of debate isn't worthy of New, Old or even Ancient Labour, minster destroyed her plan | Labour policy reviews like | rity in old age. | Old or even Ancient Labour, for a reform of trades union | the Borrie Commission on | They have a right to ask | and should be left to Dr law — a plan which might | social justice. That body, how it is that a Blair govern | Mawhinney.

### ment in 1997 cannot afford the comprehensive welfare state created 50 years ago by an Why rail rage is a feminist issue



Ros Coward

LONG WITH the usual delays and cancellations which make rail travel so unappealing, a new phe-nomenon has emerged: rail rage. Recently I witnessed a woman at Euston, sobbing her protests while the rail police relieved her of a penalty fare. I also saw two distraught stu-dents being refused the cheap ares to which they were entitled. They had run for the train without a ticket.

The new Eurostar posters displayed prominently on taxi, and baggage-reclaim rage. Rail rage is conspicious by its absence. But rail opera-tors would have to be even more thick-skinned than the Labour leadership not to notice current levels of customer discontent. The Central Rail Users Consultative Committee has just reported "an unrelenting upward trend of passengers' complaints." Simultaneously, The National Consumer Council notes a third of all rail passengers finding customer care "poor" or "very poor". Some areas of conflict are

under investigation. The Rail Regulator has highlighted penalty fares as a worrying byproduct of privatisation.
Reversing normal legal rights,
rail passengers without tickets
are assumed guilty. Yet
reasons for not having tickets are numerous. Given the infrequency and unreliability of services, you don't let a train go without you. The regulator admits "there is clearly a tension between maintaining the attraction of rail as a walk-on service and educating passengers to allow enough time to buy a ticket." Fine sentiments. except that it is difficult to say "maintaining the attraction" without choking. Complaints and flare-ups are not hiccups in an otherwise attractive service: they are a major expres sion of travel needs not being served.
Perhaps this disaffection

has not been fully recognised because the burden of discon-tent is unevenly spread. Incidents I witness invariably involve women or young people, an impression confirmed by news reports. Recently schoolgirls were turned off a train for being too wet after a downpour and a young black wom-an had money removed from her purse as a 'handling charge' by lost property. Transport is a feminist issue because women, like other groups without consumer

tion and the break-up of the Because their working pat-

terns are more regular, far more men than women are more men upan women are likely to use public transport at peak times when it is at its most reliable. Most are able to plan their journeys in advance, taking advantage of advance booking deals. Even advanced planning is likely to be derailed by the schedules and needs of others. Women's daily journeys are broken for shopping, longer journeys in-clude breaks for family visits.

There is nothing new about women finding trains unsatisfactory. Kerry Hamilton, author of Women And Transport, says 'Women have al-ways stayed away from trains, They are expensive and often don't suit women's complex travel needs. There's also an atmosphere of insecurity which women find off-putting There aren't enough ways to get help should the need arise." The break-up of the network has added complications and difficulties. Punitive fares for not booking in advance, penalty fines, reduction in off-peak services, and an end to tickets which could be used on "any reasonable route" all adversely affect

In last week's Daily Mail Andrew Neil defended privati-sation. "Far from being the "poll tax on wheels" ... it is already turning out to be a great success — with plans for new investment in trains and services that would have been unimaginable if the railways had stayed in the public sec-tor." But he speaks as a member of the one group to benefit from the increasingly competitive atmosphere for peak travel on straightforward

VEN critics of rail priva-tisation have been sucked into this perspective. They counter optimism by warning that with no real investment, stock and services are declining, private monopolies are being created, and the real tax cost is high. Somewhere they have lost sight of what people want public trans-port for, what is keeping them off it and, importantly, what might make them use it more. As Stephen Joseph, Transport 2000 director says: "If the only objective is pumping money in, we'll end up with old, totally inaccessible stations and trains replaced by new, totally inaccessible ones. No one is asking what do we want railways to do."

Re-nationalisation may put a stop to growing havoc, but declining system. This decline is endemic because the needs of only one group are being addressed. The rest of us are looking for more accessible, reliable and safe railways, coordinated with other public transport, so that journeys can be made without obstacle. lout, are at the sharp end of Without this, the only way to the complicated marginal avoid rail rage will be to avoid changes caused by privatisa- the railways altogether.

### Some 75,000 pensioners have crossed the Irish Sea to enjoy the peace and generous perks such as free television, travel and phone line rental. David Sharrock reports Off to retireland



west from the promenade of Blackpool's olden Mile, leav-Tony Blair, Harriet Harman and a worried Labour rankand file and you will eventu-ally arrive in a country which is a pensioners' nirvana, the sort of place which might welfare state cringe with

According to new figures from the Department of Social Security, around 75,000 UK pension-holders have made the journey across the frish Sea a one-way affair. The Irish republic is the final destination on the bus journey of life, where the sun sets last of all on Europe and where the weather provides an even less exhaustible topic of conversa-

mund Burke was wrong to ob-serve that it is the greatest ambition of every Englishman never to hear of Ireland again. We love the place so much we want to spend our autumn years there, even if the Germans got in first and meta-phorically plonked their tow-

"That's right," I said els down on the best bits.
What is it that Ireland has to offer to our senior citizens pick up my papers, and as I that Britain cannot? Well, first walked past his deak to the of all there is the milder climate. You may even qualify for a means-tested fuel allow-ance, paid between October

TRIKE out due | per cent bonus on top of your | weekly pension arrives. In Britain you could be forgiven for imagining a distant cry of "bah, hurabug" echoing down the 25 years since Ted Heath gave every pensioner an extra tenner. No prime minister has been moved to increase the

You can have free electricity or the equivalent 1,500 units in gas; a free television licence to watch the two stateowned channels (although most people feel that the BBC channels freely available in most of Ireland are better value); free telephone line rental and a further 20 call units free every month; and free bus and train travel from the age of 66. Since last year, this perk has been uniquely enjoyed by a significant num-ber of UK residents when the Irish government extended tion than back home. the offer across the Irish bor-The figures suggest that Edder into Northern Ireland.

On top of all that, the state pension is more generous at 279 a week for a single person compared to £61.15 in Britain. rising to £134 for a married couple compared to £97.75. Some 8,000 British pensioners get theirs boosted to the full Irish rate. On e:onomic grounds alone, it is little won-der that the number of old people going to live in Ireland has doubled in the last decade. Yet it's not the financial perks which persuade so many to seek a new life in old

British Gas. Six months ago, easy to cash a giro cheque in he bought a detached century. Cork as in Cheltenham. he bought a detached century-old house in west Cork with large outbuildings and land for a third of the price he would have paid back home in Northumberland.

He feels "comfortable" in Ireland; the slower pace is con-ducive to a retirement frame of mind. "I couldn't see myself retiring in England, I would have felt under pressure to carry on working in some capacity. But the atmosphere here makes you really unwind," he says. He has noticed that it is not just older people who are making the move to Ireland. A few miles up the long a roung English counter. lane, a young English couple with children are renovating a former school. The near-absence of crime is a reassuring aspect of life, even though culturally there is little to differ-entiate England from Ireland. "It feels like England used to

T SERMS remarkable in West Cork, where many Irish would like to live but complain they can no longer compete with sterling and the D-mark, that John Taylor has experienced no hostility. "I've been totally accepted in the pub, while many traders have even gone out of their way to deliver goods to my door free of charge." The same easy-going friendliness has even been extended to the growing number of New Age Travellers from

But in a country of just 3.5 million citizens the news that

75,000 British pensioners are availing themselves of the Irish state's generous thirdage perks might provoke a degree of panic. Ireland is not yet a wealthy country. Its taxpayers bear a heavy burden, with a higher rate of 48 per cent kicking in as soon as you start earning more than £8,900 country there is a great deal of space. And many are simply eturning home.

Until this year the Irish republic has been a net exporter of its people. In the mid-1950s and the early 1960s, the economy was inward-look-ing and stagnant. More than 50,000 emigrated every year, most of them to Britain to seek work building motor-ways and housing. Many settled, creating strong Irish communities in nearly every English city. But what sus-tained these emigrants was the thought of returning home. Having paid UK taxes and National Insurance conann National Instantactor-tributions all their lives, it should surprise nobody that they are now spending them back in an Ireland which has been transformed since their

departure for richer pastures. There was a striking, if atypical, reminder of this phe-nomenon just last week when Diarmuld O'Neill was shot dead by anti-terrorist police ance, paid between October age across the water. That and April, of 25 a week.

Then you can have your childhood belief in Father Christmas restored when a 75 Geordie recently retired from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the West Country, they have discovered that it is just as the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the water is the water. That tired phrase "quality of life" from landowners and police in the water is the water. The water is the water is

from their retirement house in west Cork to identify their son, who may have spoken with a cockney accent but who most definitely thought of himself as an Irishman. Their son will be buried in Irish soil. Most of the 75,000 UK pension-holders living in Ireland would prefer not to be reminded of Diarmuid O'Neill

There are still hundreds of Irish men and women drawing war pensions for serving in the British armed forces, and a whole department in the Dublin embassy to process their claims. Many prefer to keep a low profile, even though there is some evidence that the icy currents of this century's Irish history are slowly becoming less thre ing Last summer, for the first time ever, an Irish taoiseach took part in Dublin's annual commemoration ceremony for those who died in two world wars. Even a Sino Fein repre-

In the encroaching age of globalism perhaps the à la carte approach — a career here, a retirement there— will take hold, with the Grey Pound looking overseas for the most comfortable home to call Dunroamin. But Ireland, with so much shared history and peoples, will always remain a most popular choice After all, it was that most British of Irish poets, Louis Mac-

It's no go the Government grants, it's no go the elections. Sit on your arse for 50 years and hang your hat on a

700 wounded 50 dead

You've seen the TV reports showing the violent clashes between the Palestinians and Israelis. Over 700 Palestinian people have been wounded and 50

People are being operated on in the corridors. The wounded are lying on stretchers all over the place, we just can't cope". (Dr Shawki Harb, Director of Ramallah Hospital)

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### Come on downmarket

aged 63, except the critics. He will probably be best remembered as the compere of ITV's The Price Is Right, which he introduced to Britain from America in 1984. A self-confessed worksholic. his judgment of the worth of his material did not always live up to his formidable

He was equally at his apparently lightweight ease n the children's television show Crackerjack, hosting adult gameshows, telling gags as a stand-up comedian or opening countless shops, bazaars and fetes. He was a lov-ing if often absent father of an obsessive worker for theatre charities and a man

catchprase "Come on down!". in the audience ratings, a fact which caused some critics to cringe with shame at what television and its mass audithought the show had all the tt was loud, brash and aped to naked greed.

Crowther's view was that the programme had "taken neck and shaken it". This view said more for his enthusiasm than his taste — which to private areas, including collecting antiques for his Georgian mansion near Bath.

was often above average.
His connection with The
Price Is Right had all the accumulating tragedy of a mo-rality tale. As a private venture he and a partner took the show to Blackpool where, according to Crowther, the contestants got so skilled at leaking the right prices to one another that the cost of the Crowther saw this as an utterly baffling disaster rather than as an ironic illustration of market forces. In 1988. without explanation, Central TV axed the programme and Crowther lapsed into the alcoholism which dogged him until he joined Alcoholics

Anonymous. Four years ago, his Rolls-Royce overturned on the M5, leaving him with permanent brain damage (police ruled out any suggestion that alco-hol was involved). He seemed bound to die, but with typical determination recovered suf-ficiently to walk and talk again, though he retired from show business, his great ener-

office. His father had impos-ing height, which his son in-

dominant. His parents, seeing

Leslie went to Thames Val-

ley School, Twickenham, where he was cast as Higgins

the Highwayman of Cranford in the end of term play. He was then sent to the Cone-Rip-man, theatre school, which

where his father, an unsuc-cessful actor with a drink

"Do you recognise these sur-roundings?" he asked with a mischievous smile. "I thought In order to see authentic as-

pects of Tokyo, he recom-mended a visit to the docks and generosity. The novelist and the fish market on the and his friend Kenzo Kogi met southern island of Kyushu I southern island of Kyushu I me at Narita airport and I quickly realised Endo could was shown the places where the 16th-century Jesuit missionaries (the subjects of his novel Silence) died for their faith; in Kyoto, he suggested certain temples and shrines. the country's best restaurant

> my name. It was a name that guaranteed special treatment which commanded respect and honour wherever he

> Shusaku Endo, writer, born

guro, meets his mistress in Endo's 1988 novel, *Scandal*.

but I was to be sure to eat at and visit "le quartier rouge," he said with a twinkle. "Ask

VERYONE loved Les-lie Crowther, who has died of heart failure Jean, won the drama cup, got an introduction to Robert Atkins, who gave him parts in the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre productions of Much Ado About Nothing and A Midsummer Night's Dream. in a concert party. At the same time he was playing Chopin at a junior exhibi-

tioners concert at Duke's

Hall.

After appearing in the Accept on Youth show, he got a part with Dorothy Squires in Dick Whittington, the first of many pantomimes. But his he was in the stage show Inti seen by Greatrex Newman. Newman ran the Fol-de-Rols a light-hearted, pacey concert party ideally suited to Crowther's perky talents. Newman offered him a job. de-Rols by the producers of The Black and White Minstrel Show and Crockerjack. Both offered him jobs.

was a two-year run with Wines Lie For LWT he then did The Saturday Croud. on Fol-de-Rols lines, after which Michael Grade, then his agent, got him his first sea-side top of the bill job in Crowther's In Town at Wellington Pier, Great Yarmouth. where he broke box office records.

It was the beginning of a highly successful pattern: TV with top ratings (including the series with Richard Wilson, My Good Woman) and stage work, each fertilising the other. But by the 1980s the



Crowther . . . worksholic

gans in the audience put him off pantomimes; he was Leslie Crowther spent his charged with drunk driving childhood in Nottingham and his career faltered.

He said in his 1994 autobicessful actor with a drink ography, The Bonus of Lough-problem, took over a sub-post ter, that The Price Is Right rescued him from the dol-drums; but it proved a contenherited. His mother, a stage tious rescue. The positive manager who had met his father in rep, was small but nearly fatal accident he was still able to work for the stage that Leslie was a talented pianist, moved to London to be near the Royal Academy of Music. They had cycled from Nottingham to find a London president of The Lord's Taylors and Lordon president of the Lordon president of the Lord's Taylors and Lordon president of the Lordon pre erners. He was made a CBE in

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Donnis Barker

1993.

Lesile Crowther, entertainer, born February 6, 1933, died September 29, 1996

#### Birthdays

Lord Belstead, incoming 50; Teresa Gorman, Conserchairman, the Parole Board, 64; Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, RTZ, 67; Kevin Brewer, governor, Pentonville Prison, Southwell, 62; Deborah Kerr, 47; Stephanie Cole, actress, 55; Lord Cranborne, Conservative leader, House of Lords, 50; Prof Sir Eric Denton, marine biologist, 73; Angle Dickinson, acress, 65; John Goodwin, director, inner Cities Young People's Project,

actress, 75; Rula Lenska, actress, 49: Prof Frank Llewel. lyn-Jones, physicist, 89; Johnny Mathis, singer, 59; Ian Ogilvy, actor, 54; Stewart Steven, chairman, Liberty Publishing, 61; Victoria Tennant, actress, 46

East meets West . . . the conflict between Endo's Japanese Buddhist sensibilities and his Roman Catholic faith provide the central theme of much of his

Shusaku Endo

### Words across the chasm

quite so well such a wide variety of the public, in his own untry and abroad, as Shusaku Endo, who has died aged 73. He was highly regarded for his novels, short stories and as a young boy and was plays, which brought him marked out by my peers as a honours, doctorates and numerous literary awards, and be once wrote. "I was never led him to be spoken of frephysically attacked, but I quently as a likely Nobel Prize virmer. For many readers in the 25 countries where his i books were published, he was the most accessible interpreter of East to West in con-

Endo was born in Tokyo but grew up in Dalian, in occupied Manchuria, where his father worked for a bank and where his parents' marriage affected him deeply and there are traces of his memories of this

**Andy MacElhone** 

war, painters such as Stanley William Hayter, writers in-cluding Somerset Maugham,

and even some who wanted to

cater to mundane tastes, like

Scottish-born Harry MacEl-

hone, who in 1923 opened Har-ry's Bar at 5 Rue Dauno, near

the Opera, in the very heart of

American expatriates were

always more noticeable than

the British, especially those dubbed by Gertrude Stein "the lost generation". They

conversion, was a crucial factor in Endo's development as a novelist and in his ambivalent attitude towards his own country. "I had been baptised follower of a foreign creed," spent my student days as the object of contempt. For me, Japan [then at war with China] had become a loathsome country, and I agonised daily over how I could bring myself to fight for Japan when

the day came."
After briefly attending Waseda University, where he had intended studying medicine, school. The disintegration of French Literature at Kaio Uni- (1967). This was first brought versity. After a brief period of to the attention of readers in military service at the end of Britain by Graham Greene, a the second world war, he beshort stories. When his parents eventually divorced, he returned to Japan with his mother. Soon afterwards classifications are second world war, he became one of the first Japanese students to be awarded a government scholarship to study abroad, and in 1980 he satisfies mother. Soon afterwards she converted to Christianity, and it was through her influence work of the Catholic novelists

Europe," he wrote in his intro-duction to Foreign Studies (1989). "And yet, in about the middle of my second year, I learnt that towering beyond the hill I had scaled lay an enormous mountain... As a Japanese confronted with the tradition, rich cultural heritage and confidence of Europe, fathomable distance." It was this mountain or

gulf, between East and West, the conflict between Endo's Japanese Buddhist sensibilities and the tradition of Hellenistic Christianity inherited through baptism, that provides the central theme of much of Endo's work, not and with whom he was frequently compared

Endo saw it as one of his tasks as a writer to find "somewhere within the great to the converted to Christianity, and it was through her influence work of the Catholic novelists and that of the devout aunt with whom they shared a converse and François Mauriac home that Endo became a land began to immerse himself the Japanese tradition and later. "But the devil's own later that the great symphony of Catholicism", to quote from his translator will though the same of his many operations and the great symphony of Catholicism", to quote from his translator will though the same of his many operations and the great symphony of Catholicism", to quote from his translator will though the symphony of Catholicism", to quote from his translator will though the symphony of Catholicism."

JAPANESE | Roman Catholic, one of only | in the new culture. "Optimis | touches the Japanese heart". | luck is with me, and I have | should give a dinner party in there has been | some half a million in Japan. | tically I began to believe I had | He took up the subject again | managed to survive." And surtaken the first steps towards | in such later novels as The | vive he did, with the help of | same Chinese restaurant at | same Chinese restaurant at | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his missure | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese restaurant at | his wife, with whom he lived | which his fictional hero. Survive | same Chinese | some of his intensely personal short stories, as well as in his play The Golden Country. He even wrote A Life of Jes show his countrymen that the Christian tradition might not be quite as alien as they

After four years in France, Endo returned to Japan, and in 1954 won the prestigious Akutegawa Prize for his first novel. The White Man. His. controversial novel The Sec. and Poison, about a Japanese doctor forced to take part in the vivisection of prisoners-ofwar, appeared in 1957.

and When I Whistle, own protracted ex-periences over three years in hospital wards where he en-Endo was dogged by ill health, but this never affected his good humour or his cheerful acceptance of misfortune. Dur-ing one of his many opera-tions, his heart stopped for a

key and informal, reassuring and relaxed; he was much closely based on his amused by cultural incongru- for Mr Ohtake and mention ities: the gaucheness of the Westerner coping with Japa-nese formality and vice versa. Though well versed in Euro-pean literature, he never mas-tered much English, but retained some fluency in

French. There was nothing conventional about the tour of Japan that Endo arranged for me. It Shusaku Endo, writer, was typical of him that on my March 27, 1923; died Septe second night in Tokyo be 29, 1986

in Tokyo, and his son, to be-come the leading writer of his

day. Endo was always eager to the

introduce foreigners to the

wonders and mysteries of

Japan. In 1989 I spent a month

there at his invitation and was

able to experience at first hand his distinctive humour

go nowhere in his own

country without being recog-

nised, complimented and pho-tographed. No Western writer

His manner was usually jo-

would be so revered.

Hey mister, follow that cab to Sank Roo Doe Noo ANY British expatriates moved to Paris
after the first world
war, painters such as Stanley

Therefore Anthell and Vigil 1988.

The particular of the clientele born on the day his father bought the bar, and inherited it on his father's death in using his French in the Intelligence Corps, and rising to American and British intelAndy retired to Cannes

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lectuals and many, as a seven years ago. Harry's is result, were published in Sartre's Les Temps Modernes.

Duncan, who trained to be an Today it remains a dimly-litlong room where you might find yourself conversing with a French or a Scottish journalist, an adventurous American tourist, or the author of yet another book on "the lost generation" sniffing out the atmosphere. Harry cleverly anglicised the address pho-netically to Sank Roo Doe Noo

John Calder

decided the average

Frenchman is not ready to accept that Renault should

Andrew MacElhone, bar owner, born February 8, 1923; died September 16, 1996

investment banker, but de-

cided to become the third gan-

eration owner of one of

Paris's best-known watering

# Jackdaw

#### Think theories

GRAND PRIZE WINNER: When a cat is dropped, it al-ways lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat; the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground. With a giant buttered cat array, a high-speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

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1. If an infinite number of rednecks riding in an infinite number of pickup trucks fire an infinite number of shotgun rounds at an infinite number of highway signs, they will

entually produce all the world's great literary works in

Thomson; writers and editors

Caresse Cresby, Scott Fitzger-ald, Kay Boyle, Robert McAl-

mon, Exra Pound and T S Eliot. Even James Joyce

would nip in before the opera. MacElhone reputedly in-

vented and mixed the first

Bloody Mary to cure the hangovers of Ernest Heming-

way, one of his most regular

patrons.
Andy MacElhone, who has

died aged 73, was Harry's son.

2. Why Yawning Is Contagious: You yawn to equalize the pressure on your eardrums. This pressure change outside your eardrums unbal-ances other people's ear presures, so they must yawn to ven it out.

Communist China is technologically underdeveloped because they have no alphabet and therefore cannot use acronyms to communicate ideas at a faster rate.

4. The earth may spin faster on its axis due to deforestation. Just as a figure skater's rate of spin increases when the arms are brought in close to the body, the cutting of tall trees may cause our planet to spin dangerously fast. HONORABLE MENTION: The quantity of consonants in

the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian "pahks" his "cah." the lost r's migrate southwest, causing a Texan to "warsh" his car and invest in "erl wells."

"theories", sponsored by OMNI magazine. Thanks to

American-style bars -

where you sat at the bar in-stead of at tables — sprang up in Paris during the first world

war to cater for American sol-

diers on leave and later for the civilians who came after

1919 to take advantage of favourable exchange rates

and a life-style very different from prohibition America.

Andy MacElhone started to work with his father in 1939

but in 1940, with the Germans

#### Small fry

MICROSOFT is boasting that it has sold 40 million copies of Windows 95 worldwide in a year. It still has a long way to go before it catches up with the really big guys, though: McDonald's serves more than 40 million fast food fa-natics in the UK alone, in a month; M&S sells 52 million pairs of knickers in the UK every year; we scoff 624 mil-lion Mars bars a year in the UK; and 170 million tubes of Rowntrees fruit pastilles "go down a treat" each year in the UK. Computer Life putting Microsoft in its place.

#### **Empty future**

JUST imagine! No traffic jams or parking problems. No check-out queues or housing shortages. No waiting for hospital beds or plumbers. This could be reality in vears to come if the current trend towards homosexuality and lesbianism continues. A very subtle point being may in the Fleet local paper, The Sun-Thanks to Christopher

ligence Corps, and rising to the rank of captain. Father

and son returned to Paris in 1947 and reopened the bar. Al-

though the clientele remained

predominately American,

Harry's became a meeting place for Paris's whole expa-

But expatriates tend to go

home, and Andy, without changing the atmosphere,

made considerable and suc-cessful efforts to attract

triate community.

#### **Anarchy rules** NOW the football season's

started already — get your bust card from Footy Fans against the CJA. 30/9 Mass Picket -Seaforth Dock Liverpool -10am National CJA action hosted by striking Liverpool Dockers — out for one year – info as 28/9. Followed this week by Labour Party congress for fun and disruption — help their election campaign . . . gouge out Blair's eyes! 5/10 Picket McDonald's for all the usual reasons.

5/11 COPEX -- the security exhibition where they don't sell torture equipment to Indonesia. Burma etc, and if you say they do: they'll fucking sue you, Range of non-violent actions from blockades to non arrestable things. A few items from the anarchist

calendar printed in

Contraflow, Thanks to S

#### Steering clear FRENCH car manufacturer

Renault has proudly announced that its vehicle range will soon be equipped with the world's first on-board breathalyser, the DAR (Renault Alcohol Detector). Within three years most Renaults will offer the option, at around £40, of a lashboard-mounted ethylotest, which tells drivers whether they are over the limit within five seconds. Champagne corks were popping at the news,

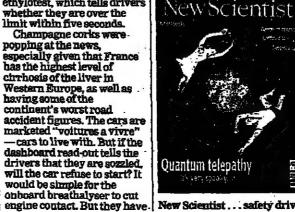
especially given that France has the highest level of chrhosis of the liver in Western Europe, as well as having some of the continent's worst road accident figures. The cars are marketed "voitures a vivre"
—cars to live with. But if the dashboard read-out tells the drivers that they are sozzled, will the car refuse to start? It

would be simple for the

take the place of the forces of aw and order.

So will it make any difference? Reported in the New Scientist. Shoppers' law

#### THE ART OF SHOPLIFTING Within capitalism, most of us are either (1) alienated from



our labour and hence dependent on the ruling classes for commodities as basic as food and clothing. (2) excluded from the division of labour, in which case we are likewise dependent on the State, or (3) performing unpaid and/or unrecognised labour and hence dependent on patriar-chal relations for food, clothing etcetera. In any case, our

access to resources is sev-erely limited by contemporary relations of domination. One partial solution to this problem may be to steal. Sadly, however, many people living precariously on low incomes tend to either: (1)

avoid shoplifting for anachronistic moral and/or ethical reasons; or (2) remain ignorant of the better methods and techniques of shoplifting, thus failing to maximise their lifting potential.

From the onset, the golden rule of theft should be enunciated; never steal from somebody who could concetrably be a comrade.

It is best to play it safe and go straight for the blg corpo-rate fuckers. Some people will suggest that shoplifters are a

pay for it in the end" through inflated prices to cover losses and so forth. However, comrades, this and closely analogous arguments are used to justify lowering wages, breaking unions, lowering corporate taxation and taxation on the rich, etc. No, the injunction against

selfish breed, since "we all

stealing from capitalism is it self a capitalist ideology and should be spurned as such. Although we have been taught that "thou shalt not steal," an order historically backed by threats of divine retribution. this should not stop us for one minute from taking the redistribution of wealth into our own hands. Believe me, no one is likely to do it for us. Tomorrow in Jackdaw, tips on how to shoplift successfully. Taken from the marxism listserver. Thanks Michael Jovic.

Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR SER.

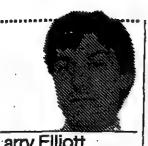
**Emily Sheffield** 

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### ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/New Labour's corporatist blueprint faces twin perils of disbelief and disillusionment

# Managing to get it wrong



Larry Elliott

OHN Major's poster campaign wooing trade unionists is a gem. Labour may regard the claim that the Government is the friend of ordinary working men and women as a monumental piece of cheek, but boy does it burt. And it burts because, as with all the best campaigns,

there is some truth in it. Where once Labour leaders would rarely have been seen dead with the bosses, Tony Bish gets along just fine with the movers and shakers of big business. Indeed, he could do a job swap with Adair Turner of the CBI without anybody noticing the difference. Both are young, personable family men who epitomise the new reed of shirt-sleeved, hands-

Mr Turner might cavil at this comparison but Mr Blair probably would not. He sees his iob as much like that of a new managing director taking over an under-performing pany with a mandate to

make it profitable again. Recognition of this is crucial to understanding Labour's approach to the economy. Policies have been jettisoned in the way that a corporation would sell off parts of the organisation acquired through takeover in order to concentrate on its

It is tempting to say that Labour now only has one core activity, winning the election, and many commentators have been saying that. This is too glib by far. There is a case for a managerial approach to the economy and it is worth examining in some detail, because it is not just a policy for Opposition but for

Mr Blair starts from the premise that it will be achievement enough first to beat the Conservatives and then at the end of five years to have shown that his party can manage the economy compe-tently and smoothly. To those who find this dull, spineless or an act of treachery, the reply is that every Labour government since the war has been so crippled by a finan-cial crisis that it lost its way and subsequently lost its

As a result, Labour will do very little in macro-economic policy, will court the unpopularity of the public-sector mions by setting a minimal minimum wage, will not soak the rich and will be extremely wary about signing up for the single currency. There may be some micro-changes in areas of market failure — investment shortages and wellare reform, for example — ing beyond survival. It could they get theirs right.

but nothing big, and nothing screw up through inexperi-dramatic.

There are three possible explanations for Labour's cautious approach. The first is that Mr Blair is simply a Tory in disguise, someone who is offering a deeply conservative electorate the option of a change of government with the guarantee that everything else will remain pretty much

The second argument is that Mr Blair would like to be more radical but feels cramped by what has hap-pened to the economy — domestically and globally - in the 22 years since Labour last won an election.

The reach and might of the financial markets, the exten-sion of globalisation, the hos-tility of a right-wing press, the supremacy of consumer-ism mean that the tasks of left-of-centre administrations are harder than ever before. Mr Blair wants to offer what is possible, not some grandilo-quent gesture that will end in a hastily cobbled-together austerity programme two or three years down the road. Finally, there is the notion that Labour is actually a lot more radical than it appears.

safely installed as prime min-

ister he will unveil an array

#### Grand plan is to show it has different priorities for dividend from growth

of policies that will make him the darling of the poor, the pensioners, the unemployed, the sick and the homeless. He would have higher taxes to fund the re-linkage of pensions to earnings, renational-isation of the utilities, more money for health and education, a commitment to full employment a minimum wase

of £4-plus per hour and so on. For the purposes of this argument, let us leave Mr Blair as class traitor to one side. It is harren territory, loaded with value judgments. The fact is that Mr Blair wants to win the election and doesn't really care if he has to be a

'class traitor' to do it. Those who expect Mr Blair to be transformed from wimp ish Clark Kent into socialist superman will be disanpointed. It just isn't going to happen. Labour believes the rules of engagement have changed and that there is much to be learned from the rewards Bill Clinton is reaping from his fiscal conserva

By 2002, according to the grand plan, Labour will have shown that it can govern, and will have shown that it has a different set of priorities for the dividend from economic

growth.
Could anything go wrong
with this blueprint? Plenty.
Labour could allow caution to become atrophy, with a Blair government drifting along

by the financial turbulence which is likely in its first few months in office. It could be daft enough to join the single currency as a short-term insurance policy, it could be split by internal struggle.

But the main worry for Labour — although this may not become clear until it has won power — is that its analy sis may be plain wrong. First the notion that governments are powerless in the face of globalisation is dubious. Bad governments that do silly things are punished, but good governments that do the right things are rewarded. Second, the obsession with

macro-economic stability may be a case of fighting yes terday's war. With even the iMF now saying that mone-tary policy can directly affect output and employment there is potential to run a more expansionary economic

policy.

Finally, the really big shift in Labour's economic strategy is not the abandonment of Clause 4 but its acceptance of the Thatcherite doctrine that the customer is always right The party's sophisticated marketing techniques symbolise its acceptance that economic policy is about allow

ing consumers of there own money on satisfying private But, as the

chael Jacobs argued last week, this has meant abandoning Labour's own natural territory — delivering public - and fighting a begear-my-neighbour war of tax cuts that it can never win. Simply, there is an innate tension between the demand

for better public goods cleaner air, safer streets, bet-ter schools, an expanded NHS and the neo-liberal agenda of tax-cut-driven private con-Labour's Road to the Mani-

festo document tacitly ac-knowledges this tension. The problem is that it cannot offer more than a token increase in provision of public goods while at the same time covering its flank on tax cuts. It lannels around trying to pretend it can - one piece in the most recent edition of the staunchly Blairite journal Renewal talks of a "dramatic redirection of resources towards the education of the young", for example - but it cannot. There may be a wave of disillusionment after the

election as a result. This is not an easy choice There has been a swing of the pendulum in recent years, with people seemingly less concerned about standards of living than about Quality of Life. But nobody knows how far it has swung. Corporations have gone out of business for setting such a big marketing decision wrong Mr Blair and his board of di-rectors had better be sure



### Coy responses to Blair's New advances

Stevenage is tired of the Tories, but still sceptical. RICHARD THOMAS reports

wants on board the New Labour express. His firm, Wil-iron, is a world leader in hitech microwave technology which actually exports to the Pacific Rim

He is an internationalist, declaring: "The only way forward is through a strong Europe and a single cur-rency." But he is a patriot, too: "If you cut the top of my finger off you wouldn't see blood and bone. You'd see a Union Jack, just like a stick of

The Social Chapter, minimum wage and the 48-hour week do not spook Mr Pink. 'I don't want to waste my most valuable resource, my staff, by making them work all the hours. If you treat people well, you get good work out of them." He has no

office, using an open-plan desk like his staff. All of which would gladden the hearts of the modernising Labour front bench. Sadly, however, Mr Pink is unim-pressed by Mr Blair's at-tempts to reshape the Labour Party. For a start, he is cer-tain his tax bill would go up. He is also unconvinced that Labour as a whole has bought the Blairite revolution. "I'm not just voting for the cap-tain, I'm interested in the

OHN PINK is the kind of | cott and Skinner aren't going | And Mr Pink knows a bit

> At McKeown Software, the firm next door to Mr Pink's. there is some support for Mr Blair. Sarah Hancy, McKeown's communications

Given that half the compa ny's trade is with the public sector, providing financial and accounting packages, spending is an important issue. "If they spend more on the public sector, that would be good news for us," she says. The flipside is that a Labour government might rein in hospital trusts and agencies, reducing their power to purchase individ-

about how things New can pall. His company is in Stevenage, the first of the New Towns, which this year celebrates 50 years of Newness. Today optimistically painted colour signs on sunken pedes-trian pathways have faded and been overlaid with graf-fiti. The town centre is empty at night.

executive, gives a lucid account of the pros and cons of

So paranoid, though, is the corporate class about appearing to support Labour, that McKeown's managing director, Kevin Lynch, belatedly instructs Ms Hancy to deny



A sprinkle of support . . . Henry Holland at the Poacher pub, Stevenage, and (top) John Pink at Wiltron bave mixed feelings about New Labour PHOTOGRAPHS: SEAN SMITH

ing advantages in a Blair idministration. This is the kind of duplicity which enrages cab driver Rob Prince. "These people vote Tory without even knowing why. I support Labour because I am a little bit humane,

i suppose." In a seat with a Conservative majority of just 4,888 over Labour, the party is hoping the Princes will outnumber the Lynches.

Mr Prince is forthright about the need to remove the Conservative government. years ago, and was in hospital for ages. He came out and said he was going to kill Mrs Thatcher. I said fd drive

He lives near the Poacher pub, where two staunchly Labour men, both labourers, are enjoying a post-work pint. Tom Shaughnessy has voted Labour since moving to England in 1953. Understandably, he wants more council-house building. "If we're going to pay taxes, I'd rather it went on providing bomes for people," he says. "And I think Blair's a good leader."

His friend Trevor Williams is more sceptical. He has read about the Labour candidate for Stevenage, Barbara Follett, wife of millionaire novelist Ken Follett, "It's not a working class party any more. Can you see her coming

But he will vote Labour

anyway, because he always does. If Stevenage, and the country, swings Labour's way at the polls. Mr Williams and Mr Shaughnessy hope for oldfashioned improvements in pensions, pay and housing, Mr Pink has a blunt retort

to the prospects of radical change "At the end of the day, it probably won't make that much difference," he says. "Governments think they run the country, but they don't."
As the boss of a firm with a
US parent and a Japanese sounding views about where power really lies. "Business rules the world,

not politicians. That's just the

### Voters cling tightly to social security blanket

#### Pensions debate needs more than pragmatism, writes SARAH RYLE

there are dangers in the view that the welfare state has be come a burden (one gaining credibility by constant repeti-tion), it is undeniable that maintaining provision even at existing levels, let alone pre-Thatcher ones, demands tough choices

Supply and cost of welfare rovision have risen as recession and slow growth have raised unemployment and reduced government revenue Demographic changes, primarily the ageing population, and the growth of single-parent families have increased the amount of provineeded, while technological advances have

raised the cost of per capita of services such as health care. Customer demand for welfare should therefore fall, if the welfare state followed strict supply and demand eco-

nomic theory. The Conservatives' last

the welfare system needs radical reform. Although has bappened, but opinion polls show the opposite. Between 1983 (when the

Labour Party promised high spending) and 1990 (when Mrs Thatcher was ousted), the percentage of the electorate wanting lower taxes and lower spending fell, while the proportion of those wanting higher taxes and higher spending rose from around 33 per cent to more than

The British people seem to have a soft spot for cradle-tograve care, so the issue for government becomes how to towards means testing and provide for career breaks in reduce demand in an acception personal responsibility. able way.
The Conservatives ap-

proached this in 1983, when Sir Norman Fowler boasted that his review of the welfare state would be the most radical since Beveridge published his blueprint. The resulting changes in legislation in 1986 were sweeping.
The state earnings-related

pensions scheme (Serps) was weakened (with hindsight many have argued that this was for the sole benefit of the private pensions providers); income support and access to a raft of other benefits were cut back and the scene was set for new ways of providing health and education. The basic principle was a shift

sions sees New Labour accused of continuing this trend, pitched against Old Labour which allegedly seeks to drag the party back into

This week's debate on pen-

That is to forget the radical content of Labour's reforms instigated by Barbara Castle. who ran the Department of Health and Social Security from 1974 to 1976. She drove through an updating of Serps and child benefit, the latter encountering particularly stiff opposition within the

party. One of her most far-sighted reforms was to observe early

But Labour wants to be able to go to the polls offering little more than a commitment to maintaining the ideals of the

welfare state.
Another Conservative government will, however, certainly feel it has the mandate to attack social provision with the same zeal that it attacked nationalised industry after 1979. But, while the electorate

seemed sanguine about priva-tisation in the 1980s, the subsequent anger over the devel-opment of a new class of sionment over foreign ownership of key services may have on the growing numbers of cast private provision in a women in the workforce, and new light.

#### Tourist rates — bank sells

Italy 2,326 Spontage 2.145 South Africa 6.8875 Maita 0.5475 Austria 16.21 Greech 357,00 Belgium 47.38 Canada 2.085 Hong Kong 11.77 New Zeeland 2.17 Sweden 10.22 Switzerland 1.89 India \$5.29 Norway 9.86 Cyprus 0.7025 Portugal 235.00 Turkey 135,814 tretand 0.9475 Donmark 9.90

#### Indicators

TODAY - US: Personal Income (Aug).
US: Personal consumption (Aug).
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Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson TS that man again! Yes. the rallying season is here, witnessing the dy-namic young lawyer com-Pared by some to the late President Kennedy and by

others to the junior house-

master who was forever suggesting a coffee and a chaf about your "attitude". Use this lexicon to chart your way through it all. Enormous challenges face us in the global economy and in our ociety: Fortunately they're not our problem yet;

government and industry, Unity, Solidarity, Partner-workers and managers: A ship (3/10/95); new generation of tilting The future lies in the marriage new generation of tilting trains, unsaleable nuclear reactors, supersonic aircraft no one wants and hig lunches all round at Neddy; Our vision is of the company as a community in which each employee has a stake. Here comes the Official Receiver; We seek to shift the emphasis in corporate ethos: Jobs for all in the new ethical-surveillance bureaucracy; Solidarity, co-operation, partnership — these are our words: As are Opportunity, Responsibility, Fairness, Trust (4/10/94). And Ambi-

tious, Idealistic, United (3/

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of education and technology: More media-studies courses, We need to create one nation, one community: Get ready for compulsory togetherness presided over by social Leading-edge, competitive businesses have nothing to fear from us. Provided they

fill in the appropriate Our ambitions are your ambitions: Any directorships going begging? We all want ordinary, hard-

working families to pay less tax: But that's life; This is a new age, to be led by Investment, Quality, Trust a new generation: Hey, hey (8/1/96). Then of course we're The Monkees!

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#### RECORD BREAKING RIDING AT THE ASCOT FESTIVAL

Chris Hawkins on the ebullient young Italian jockey who brings a smile to British racing

## Dettori the genius with a grin

achieved such a feat at any meeting — Frankie Dettori

bix I hada for breakfast," was the typically flip reply from off to squirt champagne over

ing, grinning 25-year-old Det-tori is the best thing to happen to British racing I suppose, although in the he old maestro the langth of the Ascot straight.

Success heaped on success means the naturally extrovert

the hell." he said. "I only do it for special races on the right sort of horse and I know the crowd love it."

The trademark hanging leap duly brought the house down after a wonderful win on Mark Of Esteem — one of four during the afternoon for Godolphin and their trainer, Saced hin Surcor - in the race which amply demon-strated Dettori's essential

qualities of judgment and gal-vanising finishing power. Ask him why he is so good and apart from being bred to be a jockey - his father Gian-franco was 13 times Italian champion - be does not know. He says he is blessed, that God is on his side. He has the gift all right

horses just run for him. Make no mistake, the man is a sporting genius to compare with Pele, Muhammed Ali Genius can be defined as ac-

complishment without apparent effort, although in Det-

S HE dismounted me not to do my jump from we saw in that pulsating St had it. He made mistakes, but and several of the smaller for the final time at the horse in the winners' en Leger finish which earned he learned from them and men standing up on the track Ascot on Saturday closure, but I thought, what him the controversial four never made the same mistake were not there yesterday. day whip ban.

time at a Bedfordshire health farm which, if it has an astute fortune now by claiming the credit for the Ascot clean-up. One who can genuinely

claim to have had a hand in monlding Dettori is the Italian Luca Cumani, the Newon as 14 year-old.
"The idea was for him to come to me to learn discipline and start working," explained Cumani. "His father was div-

orced and very busy and didn't have a lot of time to child to be kept in check and wasn't much good at school. He was a lovely kid, full of life, full of enthusiasm, but

perhaps too much so.

"When he first came here he couldn't ride a raceborse, but he learned very quickly and when he was 15 was rid

He would think about his races, how he had ridden and

"When Ray Cochrane left to ride for Guy Harwood I had no hesitation in making him my stable jockey, although he was only 18 and still an

"His great asset is his tre-mendous will to win and the way he can transmit that to a horse. First he gets his horses racing in a wonderful

just the right time to pick them up and he has an almost infallible awareness of where the wimning post is."
We saw that on Saturday

when he won the Diadem Stakes by a rapidly diminish-ing short-head on Diffident and when keeping Pujiyama Creat going long enough to hold Northern Fleet by a neck in that historic seventh race. All this did untold damage

They are likely to be missing to lick their wounds.

Warwick Bartlett, a leading said it had been a very bad day and estimated it could ulately bring abou the closure of at least 30 betting

the public only wanted to back one man's mounts and the bigger bookmakers were desperately trying to hedge their liabilities incurred on

massive accomplators.
Fujiyama Crest, for instance, had about a 12-1 chance on the book, but he opened at 9-2 and over 21/2 mil-lion was shovelled on to him by the big firms to reduce his

lated odds came to 25,095-1 and bookies reported several One Morecambe punter apparently hit the local Wil-ham Hill betting shop to the time of £550,823 when laying out £84 on a 50p Super Heinz

torl's Ascot mounts, though lecting his booty yesterday a day when Dettori manage

Deftori had wreaked glori ons havoc. His name and news of his fact will ring round the world; a sportsman sans nareil and the marvell ous thing is that racing has

It will never have a better from his surprisingly mature reflection on the great events. of kings now it's the sport for come a long way together and people know there's no better fun than a day at the races." Apart from the revered

Gordon Richards, who once including six out of six at Chepstow, in the days when

People loved Gordon for his modest acceptance of his tal-ent. They love Frankie for his



On the mark ... Frankie Detioni brings home Mark of Estection the third of his seven Ascot victories

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### Sleepytime proves Eddery nightmare

PRANKIE DETTORI'S winner-trail went cold at Ascot yesterday when it was a case of the Lord Mayor's show. This time it was one winner had to wait for the last race

nany of his new-found admirers may find it hard to

Contrary to the public's probable perception of Saturday's goings-on winners do

At least Detion could not be accused of over-calebrating. "I didn't get home until nine," he said. "I picked up Catherine, my fiancee, and we had a quiet drink with Simon Crisford watching

"I was up at seven to get the papers and that's when it eally hit me what an amaz ing thing it was. It looked more difficult this morning that it did yesterday. Dettori was not involved in

much of action yesterday when the big story was the

of Verse in the Ascot Fillies
Mile. Sleepytime, the 11-8
tavourite finished third after
told me never to be frightened an appalling run as Pat Ed. of one horse. "You never dery contrived to get her into know," I said. "Pat Eddery might get into trouble."

Trying for a gap between Red Camellia and Reams of Verse he got shut off and his filly, who was cantering two furlongs out, was almost on

Eddery did not seem to want a gap when it was availmarker and when he did de-cide to go the door was already closing.
At the inevitable stewards'

inquiry interference was with Red Camellia drifting-left off the rall and Reams of Verse, ridden by Mick Kin-ane, veering right. But as it was accidental no action was

Eddery said: "I've been squeezed out and when I got her out it was too late. But for that I definitely would have pushing."

Cecil was not too upset in view of the fact that he still won the race, but is none the wiser which is the best of two fillies. He commented: "Reams of Verse is good, but I concluding Harvest Stakes on add to Prince Khaled (her owner) that Sleepytime was all the rage and he said "I'm not sure we want to run." crowd and shouted: "The lucky last! I made it!"

Neither filly will run again this season and both have the at this stage. Sleepytime remains at 5-1

with Coral's, but Reams Of Verse was slashed from 16-1 to 7-1. Michael Stoute's Dazzle, who runs tomorrow. is favourite at 4-1.

The Royal Lodge Stakes, at one time regarded as a good pointer to the Derby, was won by Benny The Dip, ridden by Walter Swinburn, who stayed on well to beat Desert Story by threequarters of a length. But John Gosden, trainer of the winner, does not see his

"I doubt whether he will stay a mile and a half," he said. "I reckon ten furlongs will be his limit and he'll be trained first off for the Guingreat deal of improvement.
We thought about the Racing
Post Trophy, but I think we'll
let him mature."

As Dettori dismounted from Altamura after winning the

3.45 GRAWFERD CLASSING STATES IN M 10/10 CLASS

Balding should be on target with Sabina and Blaze Away

AN BALDING'S horses at Kingsclere trainer can con-tinue the run by landing the opening two races at Bath today with Sabina and Blaze Away, writes Ken Sabina (2.00) was a 33-1

shot when making her debut at Newbury earlier this month, but belied her ing third to her more experience stable companion 10 in a field of 24.

She took up the running in that six-furlong event final furlong, beaten just under two lengths, and has a first rate chance of making the number one spot in the Tormarton Maiden

Blaze entered for the Ce-serewitch, showed up well when fifth to Great Easby over two miles at Good in the Weatherbys Data Service Chucklestone

At Hamilton, Askern (3.45), a course and disance winner, drops down to claiming company and, with Jason Weaver in the saddle, looks worthy of the

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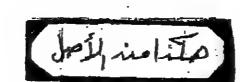
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# Carling knocks hard at No.10

lobert Armstrong

ENGLAND are looking for a born-again fly-half with bags of international experience, they could do worse than hand the No. 10 shirt to Will Carling for their opening game against Italy in November. Rumours that Jack Rowell will shortly ask Carling to resume the captaincy may prove to be pie in the sky, but the England centre (as was) proved at Franklins Gardens

Grayson, who had a forgetta-ble afternoon with hand and boot, he also overshadowed down pretty well."

the end it was a bit easier and I enjoyed it. We closed them down pretty well."

required stitches, he returned to land a touchline penalty which gave Quins a lead they the Wigan star Robbie Paul who was playing his first game for Quins. To ice the cake, Captain Marvel scored a slick try and kicked a conversion and a penalty goal which ultimately secured his side's the cake when the cake his side's the cake his side is the cake his side fifth league victory of the sea-son. Not a bad start.

Quite simply Carling did something the majority of English fly-halves studiously avoid: he made quick, straight 20-metre breaks that that he has a great deal to offer club and country as a creative playmaker of some but if you run and play flat you can create space on the Carling not only upstaged outside and cause the opposi-the England incumbent Paul tion problems," he said. "By

Harlequins will face a

tricky selection problem if their injured England A fly-half Paul Challinor recovers from his elbow injury in time for Saturday's game at home to Orrell. The director of rugby Dick Best was satisfied with Carling's performance. "Some will say Will plays at fly-half like a centre, but why not? He got the back line mov-ing, which is the main thing. and anyway his strong run-

ning suits our style."
It spoke volumes for Carling's mental toughness that, having missed a couple of simple goal-kicks and taken a nasty blow in the face which

never relinquished. His 55thminute touchdown, courtesy of a bullet pass from the hooker Keith Wood, left the Saints trailing 15-7 after they

had looked worth a score.

Crucially Northampton lacked finishing power inside the Quins 22, a failing that must have frustrated the Scot land fly-half Gregor Townsend, who continues to be chosen at centre by his club.
"I cannot understand why "I cannot understand why Northampton don't play Townsend at fly-half," said Carling, a great admirer of the gifted Scot. Nevertheless the Irish centre Jonathan Bell

Beal each scored a splendid able to do himself justice be try with the type of incisive break that Carling relishes. Indeed Northampton remained strongly in the hunt to the end, thanks to the pro-

digious work-rate of their captain Tim Rodber, whose linking between backs and forwards did create scoring chances even though they went begging. Carling, though, does not regard the Saints as serious title con-tenders: "We haven't played any of the three big sides [Bath, Wasps and Leicester] so far, but it's nice to be winning these early games. We're a big-match side and in the

cause sporadic possession tended to leave the wings out in the cold. It remains to be een whether the New Zea land-born Wigan back will be granted his wish to play closer to the scrum, though he could form a midfield part nership with Gary Connolly should Carling remain at fly

half.
"Playing in a rugby union
"totally different. like standing on another planet," said Paul after his first competitive outing in the 15-man code. "I'd have liked to get in the action more, but I play wherever the boss wants past we've slipped up in to put me; after all he pays the cheques. Hell. I'll even shave

Playmaker . . . Carling upstaged the England fly-half

and play in the front row if that's what's wanted."

Clearly Harlequins, who also won their opening five games last season, are in better shape this time round to maintain their challenge at the tree of the tree of the content o tant tries by the full-back Jim Staples and the scrum-half Huw Harries underlined their all-round attacking flair, which could be given a fresh dimension by Carling.

Quins' large international contingent will face demands on two fronts when they play

Leicester 32, Gloucester 14



Take a rise . . . the Newcastle lock Garath Archer threatens the ozone layer, much to the wry amusement of the crowd at the Athletic Ground

League Two: Richmond 20, Newcastle 20

### **Enjoying 20–20 vision of the future**

**Michael McNay** on a unique struggle of money and power at the Athletic Ground

stra preceded the entry of the gladistors. More 2001 than concertball Strauss, but then the rugby was billed as fit for the millennium even though the milisanium even though the unlikely setting was the old park-like Richmond Athletic Ground, where London Scottish and Richmond share the light burden of an annual pep-

Percorn rent to the Crown.
There were practically as many internationals in the ixess box as on the field, though of a different vintage and without a rugby league cap among them. And despite the bank of new seats facing the cantilevered main stand built in the late Fifties when the Royal Horse Show burned the old one down, they had to lock the gates before the kickof with a capacity crowd of button hadn't left his wits

6,500 inside.

The crowd will be back, for this was a match of passion, speed and commitment. For a few minutes it seemed that

scrambled.

FEW blaring bars of pass whipped back at 90 Thus Spake Zarathu-stra preceded the entry of the gladi-field into touch. Two penalties to Andrew and one to Mason later and Richmond chose to run a penalty in front of the posts instead of kicking for goal. From then on it was the survival of the

> An hour in, with the forwards beginning to look out of energy, Dean Ryan broke around the base of a scrum. Ben Clarke met him halfway, hit him with his shoulder just under the rib cage, lifted him off his feet and dumped him on his back like a sack of money. Earlier, Fallon of the famed tackle had stopped Tim Stimpson in full flight, then picked himself up with the look of a boxer trying to kid on that a punch right on the

It was that kind of day, and not just for the big men. Did Tony Underwood replay the nightmare of Jonah Lomu as

down. Even so it was the pliment to Armstrong. Alan Popplewell into the unaccus 10 years ago. If he did not Quinnell brothers and Clarke Bateman missed touch with a tomed role of defending on his foresee the scope of the revofor Richmond, and Ryan and kick out of defence, Bentley own ball and finished up at lution, he certainly does not Richard Arnold off the back of the Newcastle scrum who

with seven points from our increasingly familiar friend, increasingly familiar friend, was putting himself about a a penalty try for persistent in-

shipped the ball to Andrew, Andrew moved one way and whipped the ball back the Stimpson, surely England's full-back in waiting and Tony Underwood made Underwood made much cracker, appeared to fizzle out ground, and ultimately it was — but he knew more than us Underwood's pace which saved a point for Newcastle. Richmond had eased ahead ning free outside him. QED. In the boiler-room Archer

'The money has brought the full potential of the game as a spectator sport within reach'

out of nowhere to score by snatching a kick-ahead by Armstrong from under the noses of Mason and Fallon. Then in the dying seconds, with the score 20-13 to Richmond he returned the comnothing much had changed: a Scott Quinnell thundered at Then in the dying seconds, ball off the top from Garath him? If so there was no sign with the score 20-13 to Rich-Archer, Gary Armstrong's of it as he brought Quinnell mond, he returned the com-

fringement, and then a try | Quinnell, Richard West and fringement, and then a try
from Scott Quinnell, hammering over the line from a
scrum five.

But first Underwood had
set the game alight, appearing
out of nowhere to score by
snatching a kick-ahead by
snatching a kick-ahead by strong and, with luck, still

At tight-head Darren Crompton, a shrewd buy from finding match sponsors at £30 Bath's second string, forced a time during his presidency

least all square, a notably able and muscular perfor-mance. But for once the sideshows were in support rather than instead of the main bill.

pros (the mot juste) sat with smiles on their faces as the applause rolled on. Up-river at the Royal Opera House it would have rated a dozen curtain calls; at royal Richmond it was unprecedented.

Things had been changing anyway, of course. Within the memory of former players Newcastle (then Gosforth) were not even the best side off the Great North Road in Newcastle. That was Northern, now playing in the upper reaches of the district leagues. And Richmond were contentedly going nowhere

but down.
At Newcastle the success bought by Sir John Hall had. old members felt, hijacked the club they loved, so they have decamped and refounded Gos-forth. At Richmond a happier ending may just be in pros-pect. There Rob Robbins, a fearsome loose forward in the Sixties, began the process of finding match sponsors at £30

regret it.
But Robbins played rugby for Richmond in 30 countries around the world and for him that kind of playing career and the friendships he made were the real legacy of rugby, one that cannot survive in the paid upper echelon. Still, today at Richmond, beyond the first-team squad and the development team, there are still five social teams, still match fees. The first-team game always was in a different dimension. Now. the money unloaded by the likes of Sir John and Ashley Levett has brought the full potential of the game as a spectator sport within reach. Rob Rob-bins regrets that no more than

the other 6,500 at Richmond. SCORERS: Richmond: Trime penalty by, S Quinnoil Conversioner Mison 3. Poneity: Mason. Drop gook Mason. Newcastler Tries: Underwood. Antistory Conversioner Andrew 2. Penaltics: Antires 2.

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C'Nelli, D Ryan

### **Fitful Tigers** need Back support

men of substance but the style is still prov-

sphere at the end of this flattering victory over a side who have now shipped more points than any other in League One. Leicester have won three league matches this season but have yet to produce the sort of expansive rugby that has wooed the fans of Bath and Harlequins. If a leopard does not change its spots, perhaps a Tiger also finds it difficult to alter the

habits of a lifetime. Nursing a wounded knee in the stand was Dean Richards. That they missed their captain was obvious, but Leice ter's real loss is Neil Back until he returns from suspension at the beginning of No-vember. Without their flaxenhaired livewire flanker continually recycling possession and linking between for-wards and backs, they are finding a 15-man game hard to transport from drawing-

some big tackles, but, as Leicester lock Martin John-Leicester's coach Ian Smith son, who was failing to remarked. Back is one of the schieve, under the new laws, vorld's best flankers, every bit as inspirational as the tal-isman Deano.

"We can play a tighter game or an open one," said Smith. "We're encouraging players to try things. Players have got to have the licence to run penalties but sometimes the type of possession they have is not good enough. What I don't want is players to become inhibited. Most of the options we took were right but perhaps we should

right but perhaps we should have been a little more controlled."

When Leicester did opt to run a kickable penalty early in the game their enterprise was rewarded as John Liley's clever tap was quickly transferred via the hands of Will Greenwood to Steve Hackney, Hardward Spince, A Deacon, D Sims, R Fidler, P Glandille, I Smith, E Pearce.

who dived in for a spectacular try as Gloucester were still

trying to regroup.

But often Leicester confused enterprise and foolhar diness as they ran the ball from deep positions when their team were not in a posi-tion to counter-attack, play-ing into the hands of Gloucester's congested midfield. Leicester's own midfield performed fitfully, with the visi-tors' fly-half Mark Mapletoft overshadowing his opposite number Rob Liley.

Mapletoft is improving veek by week, a compact player with an astute rugby brain. It was tough that his one mistake should finally settle the result 10 minutes from time. Gloucester had a potential 3-1 overlap as they attacked deep within Tiger territory but Rory Under-wood intercepted Mapletoft's pass and ran some 80 metres to touch down under the pass Leicester's stand-in captain had received

afternoon. "It was good to see Rory push those old limbs along and outpace a player as good as Chris Catling," said Smith. board to pitch.

Yes, Bill Drake-Lee made Gloucester flanker, and the son, who was failing to achieve, under the new laws, his usual mastery in the lineout, were shown yellow cards as the frustration between the

packs boiled over.

There was a bit of a tantrum, too, in the stand. Richards was forced to abandon watching the game in the first half when his daughter Jes-sica started crying. Surely Leicester weren't that bad.

SCORERS: Leloester: Tries: Hazkney, Cockerill, panalty try, Underwood, Conversioner J Litry 3. Passalties: J Liley 2. Glossester: Trys Anderson. Penalties; Mapletot; 3.

#### Parker sees Melrose home

World Cup, Pool Two: Latvia 44, Norway 6

intact thanks to the trusty boot of the former Hearts
socret player Gary Parker,
who scored 20 points in the
35-13 victory over their trounced Heriot's FP 52-15.

MELROSE's 100 per cent | Borders rivals Hawick at record in the Tennents | Borders rivals Hawick at The Greenyards. Parker's Scottish Championship is | points, which included a The Greenyards. Parker's points, which included a try, helped the champions score a fifth successive win. Melrose's closest chal-

Courage League One: Orrell 27, Wasps 44

### Wasps buzzing to order Fall in Stocks costs Sale

David Irvine

ASPS have scored a total of 37 tries in their last eight league games while Orrell, who beat them 11 months ago, have sional gulf between them now seems considerable — though not, Orrell believe, as wide as their league positions

oggest.
Orrell consider themselves unlucky in having to face all the strongest sides in their first six games. On Saturday they will visit Harlequins, probably without Franc Botica. They are determined to be compensated fully for his expected loss to Llanelli, but Strett's return has solved the opening up they looked the goal-kicking problem and better side. For their fourth there are signs that a useful and final try they even pack is being assembled. pushed their opponents off

Wasps deservedly won this the ball in a scrum. high-scoring contest with a purple patch of slick, imaginative and fast handling, but soon because we have some

Orrell's contribution was | excellent youngsters," said

flames of optimism As so often, Wasps began sluggishly but once in top gear impressed through their sheer pace and agility from full-back to prop. In the pack Mitchell and Sheasby were immense. Orrell's defence was again poor. They never looked likely to shut down Gomarsall, were vulnerable to Va'aiga Tuigamala's midfield charges and seemed un-prepared for the angled run-

ning of Roiser and Scrase. rell competed well for posses-sion, and when their forwards especially Bennett and Angelsea — began in the second half to drive at Wasps before

often skilful enough to fan the their president, the former England coach Des Seabrook.
Others, though, fear that relegation would spell disaster after a decade in League One.
Wasps, meanwhile, must surely start work on eradicat-

ing the dangerous lapses in concentration that afflict them if they are to maintain their drive to the title. It was ludicrous that, having scored 37 points in 28 minutes on Sat-urday, they should then con-cede 17 in the next 20. Nevertheless it was entertaining stuff.

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V. Tuigeneala, S. Rolser; A. King, A.
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Griffiths, D. Cronn, M. Greenwood, M.
White, L. Dattaglio (caps), C. Sheasby (N.
Hadley, 76),
Referee: A. Spreadbury (RFU).

Sale 31, Bristol 33

Tom Lester

S WITH New Labour. Athere are aspects of new rugby which die-hards find hard to swallow. The tendency of sides to hang their brains up with nang meir brains up with their club blazers was evi-dent in Bristol's display, even though they gained their first Courage league victory at Brooklands. They should have won he

They should have won by a country mile after lead-ing 24-0 with only 16 minntes gone, yet they scraped home in a photo-finish. That they survived the experience was to their even-tual credit, but what were

they playing at? The game was seemingly wrapped up as people still emerged from the bar.
"This is a disgrace, Sale,"
someone shouted, an opinion not out of place as the cooler heads of Dewi Mor-home side let in Tiueti, ris, still injured, and the twice, Burke and Regan be- New Zealander John Mitch-

fore scoring three tries ell, still tied up in immigra-themselves in a whirlwind six minutes.

When Robert Jones six minutes.

Ryan and Morris breached rank-bad Bristol tackling and Mallinder performed a marvellous gallop from his 22. Any placekicks out of comfortable reach, however, were missed by Stocks — this is another area Sale must sort out quickly — and his failure with three conversion kicks proved ultimately

Burke's narrow victory in the place-kicking stakes was the difference, but finding new ways to lose at home by the slenderest margins has become an art form at Sale. They went down by the same score to Wasps last month, and the recurring theme of last season is haunting them again. Sale sorely missed the cooler heads of Dewi Mor-

limped off at the interval, Bristol reverted to type. By keeping it tight they hung on, but not before Sale led briefly as the result of a penalty try. Burke restored their lead, producing a heart-stopping final 10 min-utes; if they had succumbed again, Alan Davies might have wrung a few necks.

The Bristol coach could in the end afford a joke: "At least we made a game of it."

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Skilful Latvia start World Cup as Norwegians would

THE 1999 World Cup will be hosted by Wales, so it was only fitting that the first of its 138 qualifying matches should be kicked off by a Welshman: Huw Howells, Norway's out-This, however, proved to be

Norway's last noteworthy contribution to a one-sided affair in Europe Pool Two. Lat-via, cheered on here by a few hundred supporters, scored eight tries. They won seven scrums against the head and but for some poor handling by their three-quarters they could have doubled their try-

count. Norway, a cosmopolitan day to train, were no match for the strong, skilful and disutes when Guntar Skukauskas, a highly promising right- | wider development.

wing, crossed for the World Cup's first try.

It was Norway's first 15-a-side game in serious competition. They want to form a Baltic League Cup but funds are limited. Neither union's turn-over reaches five figures, though Latvia's most experi-enced player, their coach Vla-dimir Nikonovs, is paid £300 a

month as a rugby develop-ment officer, his only income. Latvian officials think the World Cup and IB rugby unions have an obligation to help them. With the country's entire rugby population centred on Riga's four clubs, they need exposure and finan-cial assistance from outside.

The gulf in class between Latvia and the Five Nations bunch of enthusiasts, some of teams is wide, yet their skills them travelling eight hours a would test junior clubs in Britain. Neither of these sides is likely to reach the World Cup finals but at least they ciplined home side. They Cup finals but at least they trailed from the eighth min- have been part of it and that can only help the game's

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Last of the summer winners competitors at Nice race for t	he sea at the start of the International Triathlon, won by L	ic Van Lierde, Alex Zille nears	victory in the Tour of Spain; and Pets Sampras v	rins the Swiss Indoor tennis title in Basic
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Striking return . . . Stan Collymore puts Rieper and trouble behind him and Liverpool in front in the third minute at Upton Park yesterday

# The Reds ride out in style

**Martin Thorpe** sees Liverpool prove their title credentials in a searching examination

Premiership: West Ham United 1, Liverpool 2

title takes spit as well as pol-ish, and Liverpool showed The extension of their lead at the top of the Premiership was a reward for matching West Ham's tigerish approach when it mattered before emerging with enough style

players Harry Redknapp has imported into Upton Park. led him to a more robust conclusion yesterday as his team closed down the flashy north- cruising.

NNING the erners with a vigour worthy

of a dog chasing its tail. Unfortunately the end result was just as pointless because two Liverpool players chose the occasion to answer their critics. Stan Collymore put his personal problems behind him to mark his return to the Premiership side with a booed after an early dust-up

and chances in equal measure, with the winger Michael Hughes stubbornly impressive, but Slaven Bilic's headed equaliser was the only goal they could manage and by the end Liverpool were

Their loss through injury of after a troubled few weeks influential players such as when once or twice he mysteriously failed to turn up for as a minor problem, though training and was also urged the England new boy Matteo enjoyed a less than international-class game as sweeper and, when Collymore limped off after 19 minutes, Liverpool front. "With hindsight," Roy Evans admitted later, "I

When they took the lead in threaded a 30-yard pess inside to Collymore which tempted to allow the Liverpool striker to flick the ball over the defender's head, run 30 yards into the area and slot the ball

Jeremy Alexander

RAFT legislation, if passed, will make an offence of harassment

from building sites. Wolf-whistling is in mind but Chel-

ea's jobsworths may be on

borrowed time unless the reconstruction at Stamford

Bridge is completed first.

Ruud Gullit, at the other end

of the charm scale, could

hardly be in more inappropri-

For the time being a ball-boy will probably get it in the neck. In the last minute

Duberry, venting frustration at yet another failed Chelses

attack, punted the hall deep

into the dereliction. A substi-

tute was quickly supplied and

Woan's raking diagonal pass found Lee, 10 yards from goal

and enjoying a more fruitful

ate surroundings.

by the club to move nearer Anfield from his Staffordshire home. This he has now done, and until he went off he looked close to being his old sharp self.

West Ham immediately upped their work-rate, denied Liverpool the space to get their passing game going and took control of the match with some splendid moves of their own. The equaliser on 15 minutes, though deserved, teo into his own six-yard box. It led to a West Ham corner. Hughes swung it in and Bilic rose athletically to power a

West Ham tried in vain to capitalise on their ascendancy, James saved well from

dominant throughout, had created two dozen clear

chances to Forest's two. They

put 12 shots wide in the first half and saw seven superbly

denied by Crossley in the second after Vialli had beaten

him. And Frank Clark said

worked on ways of countering

Chelsea's approaches. It echoed Forest's chairman

Fred Reacher, announcing

the club's takeover potential:
"We have appointed profes-

sional advisers to look into the approaches made." But

who would want Forest like

this - dithering for ideas go-

ing forward, hardly daring to release wing-backs who can-

not cross anyway — until Lee, bald as a broad bean now and

tall as a runner, replaced the

coiffure, for a half-volley hamstrung Roy at half-time to dink over Hitchcock. It was give his defenders the option

afterwards that Forest had

wide and Bowen shot just over after a cracking one-touch boy Jamie Redknapp, bolding movement with Hughes.

For spells Liverpool could hardly get beyond their 18yard line, as West Ham pressured the visitors' ball-play-ing defenders, and at one point Scales was forced into a very un-Liverpool-like boot of the ball aimlessly upfield just

that I could have the draw, I would not have taken it." Redknapp said later. "But then we got caught again for

latest Portuguese signing Hugo Porfirio and created yet more chances. Bishop and Cot tee shot just wide and James

and I have a feeling there is more in our tank yet." That is

it from eight yards. Minto had

an outstanding game overlap-ping and Burley provided

many of the chances.
Forest's other one fell to

Saunders, boosd throughout

by fans who remember the

tackle that ended Paul El-

liott's career but not that the

foul was Elliott's and his

claim for damages against

Saunders was lost. He would

bave enjoyed a goal as much

Clark said sheepishly:

"That's the first bit of luck we've had." When Gullit's

changes, as it deservedly will,

it will be thrilling, someone will suffer and even the

For the moment, facing two

weeks with no game and few players, Gullit said: "At least

frustration, born of passion,



Taking the strain . . . Ray Harford can't watch MAGE EDERIC

Coventry City 0, Blackburn Rovers 0

### Rovers head towards a cul-de-sac

#### Commentary

David Lacev

OR teams who are bottom in late September the threat of relegation is nothing more than a rumble of distant thunder. But if they are still bottom for the moment, chuckling to when the clocks have gone one another in mid-table. back and the leaves are no

gather overhead. "If you're down the bottom after 12 games then it's going to be a scrappy season," said Ray Harford after his Blackburn Rovers side had shared a scrappy scoreless draw with Coventry City at Highfield Road on Saturday, Harford had just seen Blackburn's defence achieve its first shut-out

champions. A year ago their prime cause for concern was

not solve. In the wake of Alan Shear er's £15 million transfer to Newcastle United the team have, at best, functioned only fitfully. Scoring goals was bound to be a problem once Shearer had gone but now the sheer ordinariness of the side. which Shearer's regular scoring habits so often managed to disguise, threatens to be their biggest handicap.

Erstwhile league champions have made rapid descents before now. Ipswich Town won the title in 1962 and went down two years later. Manchester City, who else, came top in 1937 and were relegated in 1938. If Blackburn are not to join this perverse company they need to get their act together fast. They have been 19th or 20th

since the season's start and are now the only Premiership side still seeking their first league victory. Three points from eight games, with only five goals scored, are the statistics of impending crisis.

Last season Manchester City never recovered from a dreadful start which saw them take two points from 11 matches while scoring three goals. According to Harford's timescale Rovers have another four games in which to turn things around, and the signs are not encouraging. Al- | pect to survive.

ready they are four points away from safety.

One of the difficulties fac-

ing both Blackburn and Coventry City, now last-but-one after Southampton's 4-0 de-feat of Middlesbrough, is that so far none of the three pro-moted teams looks like being cast in the role of Premier-ship fall guys. Leicester,

Highfield Road had little to longer on the trees then the laugh about on Saturday and storm clouds will surely the final whistle was greeted with loud booing by the home crowd. This was understandable. Coventry have scored three times in their eight league fixtures and their attack has kept six clean

Less forgivable was the singling out of Kevin Richard-son for the fans' displeasure. Ron Atkinson, the Coventry of the season in the league, manager, could not under-but there his satisfaction stand it. "Revin was one of ended. our best players," he pro-Less than 18 months ago tested, "but after the crowd Rovers were Premiership turned against him, all our

lads got edgy." The nervousness, in fact the Champions League. Now they could be in serious trouble which money alone will chemistries but once within sight of goal neither team really believed it would score. Dublin betrayed the lack of confidence of a striker who had not scored for 13 (now 14) league games and Sutton, who has been finding the net for Blackburn, did not look

> So after Flowers had kept Coventry out during a few minutes of sustained attacking pressure by the home side at the end of the first half, the match drifted towards an inevitable stalemate.

This was briefly challenged late on, when Croft cleared a header from Daish off the Blackburn goal-line and Bohinen shot wide at the other end when he might have league positions looked about right.

At this time of the season. when initial flushes of optimism have quickly dispers losing managers tend to talk Saturday, however, both Cov-entry and Blackburn ap-peared fearful of what might lie around the next bend.

Unless results improve. Harford and Atkinson may soon find themselves at the wrong end of a one-way street. The question at the back of most minds was how long either manager could ex-

### Little spot of bother with McGrath

STON Villa's manager Brian Little was yes-terday involved in an angry verbal exchange with Paul McGrath. The 36-year-old Republic of Ireland defender was ordered home and is unlikely to play for Villa

McGrath was summoned into Little's training-ground office to discuss comments he was reported to have made to the media suggesting that the Pre-miership club were trying to block his move to any

other team. Later a furious Little left McGrath behind as he and the team travelled north for tonight's Premiership ling with us to Newcastle," said Little.
"I called him into my

office to ask him about comments he had made. He told me they were true, apart from the fact that he was not prepared to pay back the summer signingon fee he had received from us just so that he could

"After our conversation I told him the only way we could settle the issue was if I left him out of my firstteam thinking altogeth McGrath is the Republic's most capped player

and was upset recently at losing his place in the national side. He blamed his lack of first-team football this season, and is now keener than ever to

game at Newcastle.

"I have shown loyalty to left Cup meeting with the Manchester United and he will not be travel- Villa in my career, but that Helsingborgs.

loyalty is not being repaid by Villa." he said. "What angers me most is that the club seem intent on blocking any opportunity for me

to go elsewhere." He was alluding to the fact that when the Coventry City manager Ron At-kinson recently tried to ac-quire him, Villa put a 200,000 valuation on the Irishman.

McGrath is believed to have received about £100,000 as a signing-on fee when he agreed a new one year contract with Villa in

the summer. He is also reported to be earning about £5,000 a week in wages, but this sea-son his first-team activities have been restricted to a 30minute appearance as sub-stitute during last week's



# Red signals go for Milan

through a first-minute Weah | with four minutes to go. Steve goal, were scarcely inconvenienced by Bohan's 67th-min-ute red card. Weah added a seized on Nicky Mohan's ersecond from 25 yards and Ro- rant back-pass.

ILAN overcame the berto Baggio scored direct from a free-kick.

Boban to beat Perugia 3-0 yesBradford City gained their Boban to beat Perugia 3-0 yes-terday with the help of two more goals from George in the Second Division yester-

Weah. day with a 30-yard goal from The champions, leading 1-0 their full-back Wayne Jacobs Guppy had given Port Vale a



With all the foreign touch-West Ham may some day try to match Liverpool for style. But injuries and pragmatism

well taken first goal. Then Michael Thomas, repeatedly to show who was boss in an with Dowie, capped a glorious Thomas won the ball well on was indirectly caused by a come back from that. It is that proved more costly.

entertaining and absorbing end-to-end move to score Live the right and played it back to suicidal back-header by Materian describing because "The boys battled through."

erpool's winner. West Ham created pressure badly lacked a focal point up should have put on young Lee Jones a lot earlier.

the third minute they must have thought they were in for a Sunday afternoon stroll. McAteer. The wing-back Rieper out of position enough

Chelsea 1, Nottingham Forest 1

header past James.

Lee sticks in gracious Gullit

to relieve the pressure. "If you had said at half-time

advantage to score a glorious

as sweet as a pineapple. of route one. It worked and the eye, though Vialli rapped
The execution was as outra- even Leboeuf was discomfited the bar and Petrescu cleared

by Lee's height and control.

But it would drive Brian Clough to...

It drove Gullit to think. "It was difficult to say anything

afterwards because you have to cool down first." he said. "Everybody is very frus-

trated. Nobody tries to miss

chances. I have nothing to blame my players for. They

worked hard and did every

In the previous week Chel-

sea had fallen between two

Pools - Liver and Black.

Glad it was not Hartlepool, he

had identified passion as the

missing ingredient. "If you

have quality but are down on

passion you cannot perform." Both coursed through the side on Saturday, a single Euro-

pean currency working beau-tifully with an adventure that you have a nice weekend."

exaggerated Forest's sterility. Frustration, born of passic Not only foreigners caught was yet blessed with grace.

thing to win the game.

found McManaman, who fee Thomas in the right of the West Ham area. The midfielder shot clinically into the opposite corner past Mik-losko. It was as simple as that. West Ham brought on their

made easy saves from Hughes and Cottee. Bjornebye went close for Liverpool but in the end it was West Ham's misses

both goals were so sloppy.

Perhaps out of tiredness or over-confidence West Ham right, although you can't lifted their foot off the gas in grind out results all season. You've got to show quality too

winner. The move began with an ominous prospect. This James and progressed was their seventh successive past Miklosko.

Cottee, Dicks volleyed against James and progressed was their seventh successive it was the perfect riposte the bar, Rieper headed just through a typically patient win, their best run since 1990.

Everton 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0

### Wednesday's side has far to go

ian Ross

tempting to explain away their embarrassing League Cup defeats the previous

Wening. Forty-eight hours later quarry of Goodison Park's less tolerant minority fringe and facing an FA disrepute charge. Across the Pennines, Pleat was taking telephone calls and muttered apologies from Arsenal's Ian Wright as the curious case of tweaked dreadlock threat-

ened to descend into And then Saturday cam along, with all its painful reminders of fading dreams and overambitious pre-season

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In happier times, when the mood takes them. Royle and Pleat can resemble an old and trusted music-hall act, propelled forward towards moments of enterprising humour. This is probably be-cause both men have always understood the importance of keeping in perspective a sport which is not, to rubbish an old saying, a matter of life and death.

Yet the mood was rather sombre on Saturday evening, even in the Everton camp. Royle has recently had a spat with his local evening newspaper, so his victory speech made mention of detractors" and hinted at

Pleat was simply over-whelmed by his side's sheer incompetence. "You are rarely lucky when you lose. but we were today. I can't seen think of anything clever to say," be said with the look of a manager already contemplating a long, hard

THAD not been much of a week for either club. On Wednesday, Joe Royle of Everton and David Pleat of Sheffield Wednesday had spentimely of the proprint of the spent much of the morning at have wished for and much, much more besides. After a lean streak of eight

desperately needed a soft touch and Pleat's boys were Royle found himself the falling over themselves to quarry of Goodison Park's oblige. That said, Everton's football was always fast. furious and compelling. Had they won by six goals they would not have felt flat-tered. Yet this should have been a close-run thing, a meeting of two sides with

eames without a win. Everton

track records so similar that they could almost have been After making an enterpris-ing start to the season, both teams have lost their way and both will no doubt claim to be innocent victims of cruelly in-

flated expectations. Wednesday were little short of a disgrace, a disorganised rabble who lacked a central theme and lost the plot the moment Everton introduced it. Not even the sight of Unsworth belting an early penal-ty against the face of the crossbar could lift them out of

their torpor.

The Yorkshiremen had no answer to the speed of Andrei Kanchelskis and the persistence of Michael Branch. Narrowly they held out until the 17th minute, when Kanchel-skis buried the first of his five chances with a crisp nearpost drive. It was another 43 minutes before Wednesday's inevitable defeat was con-firmed. Graham Stuart slotting in Branch's exquisite

Everton can, and will, get better. Wednesday's support-ers would like to believe that game at Newcastle. their side cannot possibly get

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# SportExtra

NORWEGIAN'S DOUBLE LIFTS UNITED INTO THIRD SPOT AS TOTTENHAM RUE MISSED CHANCES



Striking the first blow . . . Ole Gunnar Solskjaer thumps United's first goal past the despairing lunge of Sol Campbell at Old Trafford yesterday. The youngster has scored five goals in eight games for his new club

**Premiership:** Manchester United 2, Tottenham Hotspur 0

# p Solskjaer strikes it rich

LEX FERGUSON will be Tony Blair's guest at the Labour Party Conference this

scribe the victory over Tot-tenham, which has taken United to third place in the Premiership, as unearned in-

> Ferguson was largely satis-fied with the performance, his main complaint being that his defence had been "very slow in trying to win the ball back". But he praised Unit-ed's football in the last third of the field. "The speed of the passing was very, very good," he said, "and we always looked as if we were going to

Theory, however, was not always borne out in sluggish practice which mirrored Un-ited's approach in the second half of their Champions League game against Rapid Vienna four nights earlier. Perhaps thoughts of the immediate tasks in hand persuaded Ferguson's side to play so much of yesterday's match in a low gear.

A number of players will be on international duty in the

Norwegian who has now

scored five times in eight

games. So far he has not failed to find the net at Old

World Cup during the coming fortnight. After that United face Liverpool at home, fol-lowed by their Champions League game with Fener-bahce in Istanbul. Then they

go to Newcastle. Even so, yesterday's patchy performance could have cost Manchester United dear. With Sheringham back in Tottenham's attack, having missed five Premiership matches with a thigh injury, and Campbell restored to the defence, the visitors played with rather more authority than they had done in losing 2-1 at home to Leicester City week earlier. There were periods when

Ole, Ole ... celebration time

Manchester United should choose yesterday to perform with the languor of the idle rich.

Yet it would be harsh to describe the victory over Totenough to set up any sort of passing pattern. At times the play passed Cantona by, at others the Frenchman was as profound an influence as

Sinton's speed and control on the left gave Gary Neville a difficult afternoon not made any easier by Poborsky's lack of support. Even after the Czech had been replaced by Scholes, who understands something about the dignity of labour, Neville still strug gled to contain the Tottenhan

In the end the match was



resources. United had lost moment to meet Poborsky's managed only a weak header i the Tottenham manager, and Johnsen from central defence low cross. but May, recalled alongside Pallister, proved a consistent obstacle to Spurs and Irwin was his usual rocklike steadiness at left-back.

Giggs, who had suffered an ankle injury in the first half, stayed off for the second. Cruyff took his place and again suggested that he might be happier in a central role rather than staying on the left flank.

Ferguson had some sympathy with this. "I really don't know what Jordi's best posi-tion is," the United manager admitted, "but perhaps it is in the middle. That gives me another problem, of course. Some players pick themselves and Solskjaer can't be ignored

while he is continuing to score goals." Tottenham were only partly back to strength. They still miss Mabbutt at the back and, though Anderton's discomfort as he awaits another groin operation had been obvious the previous Sunday. Spurs could have done with his ability to vary the pace and direction of their movements.

The 18-year-old Allen, continuing to deputise for Armstrong, yet another Totten-ham casualty, continues to impress and yesterday pro-vided an alert and intelligent foil for Sheringham's inventiveness.

Another couple of inches and Allen might given Spurs the lead on the quarter-hour when he lunged in late to meet Sinton's dipping centre and only narrowly failed to

By then Solskjaer had offered a portent for the way things might work out, not so much by wafting the ball over the bar but through his astute sense of anticipation in being in the right place at the right

The opening goal arrived eight minutes before half-time. Campbell had been reaching most high balls but Giggs's cross from the left caught him out of position, Solskjaer's first touch was true, and the Norwegian allowed himself the luxury of

a second before beating Sheringham's lack of match practice showed when he

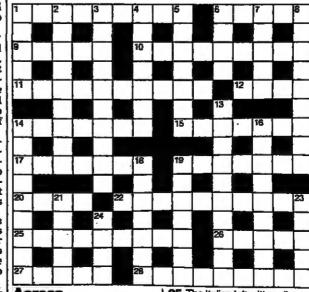
after Fox's chip had left him clear and onside, and again late in the match when, even allowing for the excellence of Schmeichel's stretching save. he should have scored. Solskjaer, meanwhile, had increased United's lead three minutes before the hour, driv-

ing the ball into the net after Cruyff, Cantons and Butt had over the matter of intent worked the ball to him. "They took their chances, we didn't," said Gerry Francis,

nobody could argue with that. The controversial theme of the weekend continued when Howells, trying to chest a bouncing ball down in the United penalty area, inadvertently controlled it with an upper arm and was promptly booked by Gary Willard. Referees still have discretion

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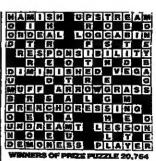
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- appearing mean (7) 15 1 ac. - refer to the paper (7)
- 17 The humblest takes without
- thanks in appropriate situation (7)
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- driver, a fool (4) 22 Overspill not serious? That's illuminating! (10)
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27 ... stuff from the river (5)

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- 3 Grave remembrances, and the sad results one's read of (10)
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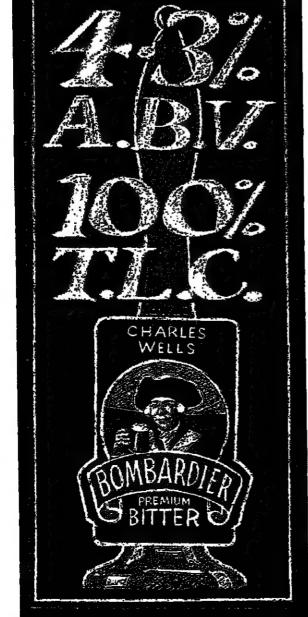


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- 18 Cultivation right up to a person's last years (7)
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- work out (5)
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He has a wide circle of mates, all benefiting from his munificence ("My mam's never asked me for anything," he says. "Nor me dad, he's never asked for anything, well except a house, a boat, a seven 7-series BMW and a canny wage"). Jim White sees the real Gazza

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